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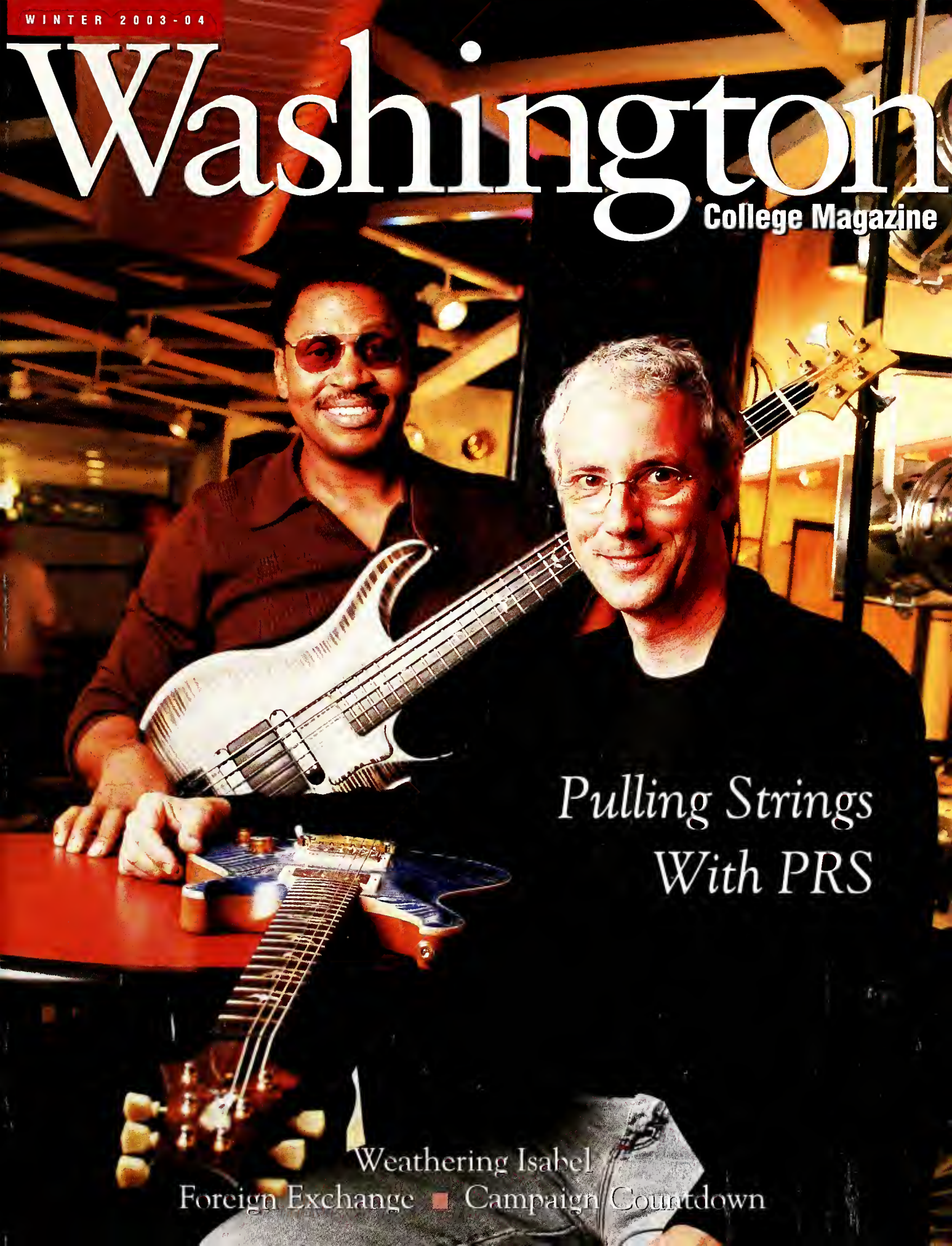

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Moment and Enlightenment

As we put this issue to bed, broadcast media were marking the fortieth anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Again and again we watch the Zapruder footage, the scattered roses, the blood on Jackie's suit, and later, Lee Harvey Oswald's grimace. And again we relive the stunned reaction of an American public that believed itself immune to such random evil.

Since the birth of television news — which many date back to that November day in Dallas — our collective psyche has become an archive of such indelible images: Martin Luther King shot dead on the balcony in Memphis, Robert Kennedy dying on the floor of the ballroom in California, the Challenger exploding as it flew across our screens, the twin towers collapsing into dust, the toppling statue of Saddam Hussein. These are powerful images, known to psychologists as "flashbulb memories."

In this issue we consider a different kind of world-changing force. Behind and around these televised moments are events that are rarely recorded but no less significant. They relate to the disassembling of myths and antipathies, and are neither forged nor shattered in a flashbulb moment but evolve slowly as the mind opens itself up to new ideas, new experiences, new cultures and new friends. As the saying goes: the altering mind alters all.

And what better evidence than in the experience of the Muslim students who spent four weeks with us last summer in the new American Studies Institute? (See story, pages 18-22.) As Ali Nawaz Khan, one of the participants, wrote recently to program director and author Kees de Mooy: "It's not just the academic learning that I now carry with me, but the strengthened belief in humanity and the ability of people from different cultures and countries to reach out and connect with each other."

These are the connections permeating this issue which highlights our visits and our visitors. It is not just our faculty and students who value this exchange. Alumnus Richard Creighton has launched a new Arabic language magazine (see Snapshot, page 10) because "people are formed by culture, not by politics."

Unfortunately there is little doubt that tomorrow will bring catastrophic news in images that we cannot — nor do we wish to — imagine. The only way we can brace for the future is to arm ourselves with as much understanding, compassion and wisdom as we can by opening our minds and therefore, our hearts, to that which seems strange or unlike us, as well as that which seems familiar. True illumination is not captured by a flashbulb but emerges through the dawning of awareness that puts all experience into context. If this sounds like a liberal arts education, then we're in the right business.

—*MDH*

Corrections

Dr. Roy P. Ans, who received the Alumni Citation for Excellence during Commencement exercises in May 2003, is a member of the Class of 1963, not 1961.

Dawson Hunter (WCM, *Summer 2003*) was just one of two Washington College students to win coveted positions as Presidential White House interns. Senior Katie Bell also worked in the White House this summer, in the Office of Presidential Personnel. Her responsibilities included researching presidential appointees for positions with the Department of Commerce, Department of the Treasury and Department of Transportation. Previously, she was a summer intern for Senator Inhofe (R, OK), and worked on the first successful Maryland Republican gubernatorial campaign in decades. She will be attending the Leadership Institute's "Youth Leadership Seminar," is a member of the Eagle Forum, and is involved in student government.

"City of New Orleans" (written by Steve Goodman) was a hit for Arlo Guthrie in 1972.

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ABOUT THE COVER: Guitar maker Paul Reed Smith and bassist Gary Grainger get ready to rock the house. The PRS Band performed in the College's Student Center, after Smith and Grainger taught a guitar master class. Photo by Matt Spangler.

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Strong Enrollment, High Rankings And Steele Visit Mark Fall Opening

PHOTO: MELISSA GRIMES-GUY

Maryland Lt. Governor Michael Steele received an honorary doctor of laws degree at Freshman Convocation.

MICHAEL STEELE, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Maryland, was on hand to welcome the Class of 2007, giving words of encouragement to a crowd of new students, parents and faculty at Freshman Convocation in late August.

"I'm a freshman too," Steele joked. "After only seven months in office I'm still learning my way around, who all the important people are, and where to go for the next meeting. Believe me, it gets easier."

Steele compared his role in Maryland politics to the challenges facing this entering class. "It's going to take hard work and commitment to get through the next four years. The message I have for you is similar to my message for the people of this great state: You'll be asked to make tough choices, and to take responsibility for your own actions. I encourage you to be open to new ideas and new opportunities, to be vigilant and focused in pursuit of your goals, and to realize that the world is bigger than your backyard. Be nice to your professors: they can take you to new and exciting places."

Steele expressed his admiration for the characteristics of scholarship and leadership much in evidence among the Class of 2007, and for the College's personalized approach to education that stresses engaged learning.

As Washington College began a new academic year with the most competitive class of incoming freshmen in the College's history, several college guides affirmed the College's rising status among the best national liberal arts colleges. *U.S. News & World Report's* guide to America's best colleges, considered by many in higher education to be the standard, placed Washington College among the Top 110 Best Liberal Arts Colleges in the nation. Of 217 liberal arts colleges nationwide, Washington College climbed three points to 97th place in the overall ranking, and scored highly in the ranking of colleges with the most international students (35th place nationally) and in student graduation rate performance (34th place nationally).

The College's ability to recruit and shape a class of ever-increasing accomplishment and promise is another strong indicator of enhanced academic distinction. This fall, the College enrolled 360 first-time students chosen from a record 2,114 applicants. More than half of all students coming to Washington College now are members of the National Honor Society, a selective organization comprising fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

"We have reason to be proud of our climb in the rankings," said College President John S. Toll. "Many positive factors have combined to put us in this position. We're attracting highly competitive students with high GPA and SAT scores. Our capital campaign has been extremely successful and has witnessed a steadily increasing alumni giving rate. Lastly, we maintain our commitment to a small student-teacher ratio, to cooperative student-teacher research, and to teaching excellence of outstanding faculty that inspires our students and transforms the directions of their lives."

Published since 1983, the *U.S. News* ranking system relies on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality. Data for 15 indicators of academic excellence is gathered on an annual basis; each factor is assigned a weight that reflects *U.S. News'* judgment about how much a measure matters. Indicators include a peer assessment survey of like institutions, student retention numbers, faculty resources and class size, selectivity in admissions, financial resources, graduation rate performance and the percentage of alumni who donate to their college.

Washington College also has been recognized by The Princeton Review as one of *The Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges*, which cited the College's aptitude for great teaching and a small student-teacher ratio that fosters a

close, supportive atmosphere for learning. The College has also been recognized by Jay Mathews, *Washington Post* education columnist, as one of the "Hidden Gems" in higher education; and as one of the nation's Top 120 colleges in the forthcoming guidebook, *Colleges of Distinction*.

Hurricane Isabel Hits Custom House

ALL OF Maryland braced for Hurricane Isabel in mid-September, expecting high winds and heavy rain, but the most severe damage was meted out by a storm surge of nearly seven feet, as a strong southeast wind pushed up the Chesapeake Bay. The homes and businesses along the Chester River, including the College's Custom House, were hard hit. Townspeople maneuvered kayaks, canoes and rowboats through the low-lying streets of Chestertown as the water rose to levels not seen in decades.

Weather forecasters predicted the hurricane would strike the Chesapeake Bay region directly. In anticipation of loss of power, the College administration cancelled classes beginning Wednesday afternoon and encouraged students within commuting distance to ride out the storm at home. About 250 students remained on campus, where only one inch of rain fell and two trees were lost. No property damage was sustained.

The College's Custom House, located at the foot of High Street on the Chester River, did not fare as well, as nearly four feet of water entered the ground level where the archaeology lab is located.

In preparation for Hurricane Isabel, John Seidel, assistant professor of anthropology and environmental studies, made sure that all valuable equipment was moved to the upper floors. Doors were sandbagged and some forty boxes of documents were relocated to higher ground. But the flooding was worse than anyone had imagined. The surge literally pushed up from underneath the floorboards of the historic structure, punching and buckling them in many places.

Upon discovering three feet of water in the lab Friday morning, Seidel, along with art history professor Donald McColl, C. V. Starr Fellow Adam Goodheart and lab director Liz Seidel, began moving everything above waterline to the upper floors of the historic structure. Neighbors came to their aid and, within minutes, formed a human chain in waist-deep water to save what they could. Without the help of neighbors, the rising tide would have taken much more.

"We were very fortunate to have such little damage when you consider what the majority of the Chesapeake region sustained," said Seidel.

After the surge receded and the water was pumped out, the cleanup began. One unfortunate circumstance of the flooding was the collapse of shelving holding boxes of handwritten research notes. In an effort to mitigate damage from growing molds, the papers were refrigerated until they could be dried one sheet at a time.

In the weeks following the storm, John Seidel and his colleagues assessed the impact of Isabel to the collections and research materials at the Custom House. "Now that we have had time to sort through materials, it is clear that we fared much better than originally thought," Seidel said.

"Of the six collections in the lab (six different research projects and sites), five are completely intact and in perfect shape. The sixth, from this summer's work at Poplar Grove, was being processed when the storm hit. We feared that many of the unprocessed paper artifact bags had been destroyed. It turns out that only six bags out of 90 were lost. However, all of the diagnostic materials had been removed from these six bags for analysis—these materials are intact, and the loss is therefore trivial.

All research notes and photographs have now been dried and inventoried, Seidel explained, and it appears that there were no losses to these materials.

"Given the circumstances, the status of our collections is remarkable. We have the quick and very professional actions of our staff—Liz Seidel and Teresa Fewlass—and several students—Brynn Torelli and Chris Mears—to thank for this. Their long hours of work immediately after the storm made the difference, and they have been hard at work ever since. They did a remarkable job under very trying conditions."

PHOTO: IAN BUNCH

Hurricane Isabel flooded the College's Custom House, damaging materials stored in the archaeology lab.

Search Is On For New President

WITH JOHN S. TOLL in his final year of active presidency, the Presidential Screening Committee began its initial review of candidates in late October and will finalize its selection of Toll's successor in the next few months. Thomas H. Maddux, the College trustee who is chairing the 12-member Screening Committee, says he expects to present their final candidate to the Board by mid-February.

The Committee has enlisted the aid of a consulting firm to manage the search and selection process and to help the College secure the best possible president. Ted Lewis of the Academic Search Consultation Service (ASCS) visited campus this fall, conducting an intensive series of interviews with representatives of all College constituencies before preparing an assessment of the key issues the next president of Washington College will be expected to address, a concise description of the qualities and characteristics such an individual would require in order to succeed in the position, and recommended procedures, guidelines and schedule for the Committee's work.

Lewis, a senior consultant at ASCS, was formerly president of St. Mary's College in Maryland. He led the development of that college from the early 1980s when it was a typical state institution to the mid-1990s, by which time it was recognized as one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the country.

Toll has agreed to serve as a resource to the Presidential Screening Committee and to the search consultant.

The Committee members are Liz Likens Boyce '96, Jay Marchant '63, Kevin O'Keefe '74, Ralph Snyderman '61, Linda Spire, Peter Van Dyke and John Whitmore (representing the Board of Visitors and Governors); Clayton Black, associate professor and chair of history, Richard Gillin, professor and chair of English, and Lauren Littlefield '91, assistant professor of psychology, (representing the faculty); Joachim Scholz, Provost and Dean of the College (representing the College staff); and Valarie Sheppard '96, president of the Alumni Council.

"In assembling the Committee, we have sought to achieve a balance in experience and expertise," noted Maddux.

At its October 6 meeting, the Committee discussed and, with revisions, ultimately approved Ted Lewis' pre-search report. Laying out the strengths of the College, the likely priorities of the next president, and the desired characteristics in our next president, the report is available at www.washcoll.edu/wc/news/search/.

By early November, the Committee had received 117 applications, including those of at least 17 current or past college presidents, and those of several provosts and other senior college executives. The candidate pool also contains individuals from non-traditional backgrounds.

Lewis and Scholz have the responsibility of prescreening all the applicants, and have identified nearly 30 candidates for consideration in the first round of screening before the full Committee.

By early December, the Committee expects to have developed a pool of up to 12 semi-finalist candidates to be invited for interviews, and then identify three or four candidates to invite for two-day campus visits in late January or early February.

The Committee will make its recommendation of the next President of Washington College from this group of finalists.

"The Committee is maintaining a very ambitious schedule," notes Joseph L. Holt '83, executive vice president of the College, "and is taking a thorough and careful approach to narrowing the field of candidates. They understand their decision is of utmost importance to the future of Washington College."

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Woodall Myers '24

Dorothy Woodall Myers, a lifelong resident of Chestertown and devoted alumna of the College who celebrated her 100th birthday this summer, died October 24, 2003.

She had worked as a bookkeeper for The Chestertown Bank of Maryland for 40 years. Active in community, church and college activities, she exuded enthusiasm for any task at hand, whether singing in the church choir, attending College functions or working in her gardens. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church and Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 86. She had lived at the Heron Point retirement community for a number of years.

As a college student in the 1920s, she had been one of 20 women in an undergraduate enrollment of 200. Throughout her adulthood, she maintained close ties with her alma mater, serving as Class Agent, as a member of the Alumni Development Committee, as a member of the President's Circle, and as a charter member of The 1782 Society. She received the 1991 Alumni Service Award, and was honored by the Women's League of Washington College in 1992.

Her first husband, W. Skirven Startt '22, and her second husband, Gerald Myers, who died in 1986, preceded her in death.

She leaves countless friends, including classmate Ermyn Jewell Heck, still the oldest living alumnus of Washington College. The two, in recent years the only representatives of their class at Reunions, enjoyed a friendly rivalry concerning who was older.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Washington College.

WC Adds Korea To Study Abroad Programs

AS IF MOROCCO, Japan and Costa Rica aren't exotic enough for today's students shopping for study abroad programs, the College is expanding their options with the addition of a new partner institution: Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. This brings to 41 the number of programs around the globe from which Washington College students can choose. The College has partner institutions in 25 countries.

The program in Korea enhances opportunities for students pursuing the new Asian Studies concentration. Yonsei is considered one of Korea's most outstanding teaching and research institutions, a modern, comprehensive university with colleges in liberal arts, commerce and economics, science and theology. Its independent Division of International Studies, in operation since 1985, has developed exchange agreements with more than 400 institutions worldwide. All course instruction within the Division and within the graduate school of international studies is in English.

"Yonsei University is a tremendous resource for our students, particularly those interested in the East Asian Studies concentration," notes Tahir Shad, associate professor of political science and director of the College international studies program.

Andrew Slater, an international studies major who spent his high school years in Seoul while his stepfather worked there as president of duPont in Korea, will be the first Washington College student to attend Yonsei. He leaves for Seoul in February.

"I'm really excited, first, because Yonsei University is the Harvard of Korea," says Slater. "It is Korea's most highly regarded academic institution. Plus for me, it's like going home. I know the culture, the history, the language. I know my way around the city. That was a big factor in my decision to go. I'll be able to get so much out of the experience now, after three years of college."

Slater expects to take courses in Korean politics and East Asian politics, as well as a Korean language course.

The Division of International Studies at Yonsei University attracts about 2,000 students from around the world.

PHOTO: CARLOS ALEJANDRO

Drew Slater is bound for Korea's Yonsei University this spring.

For students interested in Hispanic Studies and the concentration in Latin American studies, the College also recently established a partnership with Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, in Mexico, augmenting existing offerings in Costa Rica and Ecuador.

On behalf of Virginia's Coastal Zone Foundation, prominent conservationist Orville Magoon (left) congratulates Clifford Schroeder on his environmental activism.

Trustee Honored For Oyster Restoration

CLIFFORD L. Schroeder, former Chairman of the College's Board of Visitors and Governors and a noted conservationist, was honored this summer with the Orville Magoon Award. The award, named in honor of the coastal engineer and activist, was given by the Coastal Zone Foundation in recognition of Schroeder's efforts to foster coastal community cooperation and communication.

Schroeder is considered a key player in restoring the native oyster to Virginia's waters, spearheading efforts to create and fund the Virginia Oyster Reef Heritage Foundation and working with State officials to heighten awareness of coastal management issues.

Serving as Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board for nearly eight years, Schroeder has been working to give "teeth" to Virginia's landmark coastal legislation, the Chesapeake Bay Conservation Act, by fostering cooperation and coordination among coastal localities. Through his efforts, the State of Virginia now appropriates about $1 million each year for oyster restoration projects.

The former Chairman of the College's Board of Visitors and Governors, Schroeder joined the Board in 1990.

National Kappa Alpha officers Larry Wiese (left) and David Warren (right) present the Marshall Award for Chapter Excellence to David Gallara '04, the president of Washington College's KA chapter.

Kappa Alpha Order Earns National Award

THIS SUMMER six members of the Beta Omega Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order traveled to Tampa, FL, for the annual national conference. Unbeknownst to them, they were to receive the highest recognition available to active chapters across the country.

Handpicked from more than 125 chapters, Beta Omega, with just 31 brothers, was one of three chapters to receive the George C. Marshall Award for Chapter Excellence.

Dave Gallara, president of the local chapter, says Beta Omega has made great strides in recent years to break free of the fraternity stereotype associated with wild drinking parties. The KAs do host an occasional social event, Gallara concedes, but these days the KAs are known as much for their commitment to community service as for their Beach Bash. Last year, the organization gave more than 3,000 community service hours to various local organizations, elementary schools, and Washington College itself. The KAs help out with the Chestertown Lion's Club Chicken Flip, the Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt, and a reading program for elementary school children. On campus, they are responsible for cleaning up litter around the Casey Academic Center.

Meanwhile, they raised $2,000 for the KA's national philanthropy—muscular dystrophy—and another $500 for local causes, the largest being the annual "Christmas for the Kids," a gathering for underprivileged children in the area co-sponsored with Alpha Chi Omega.

The chapter has also made its mark in the scholastic realm, recognized by the National Office for academic achievement in four of the past six semesters. Peaking in the Fall of 2002, the chapter was able to receive a cumulative average higher than the all men's average on campus. The KA membership is represented on several athletic teams, including crew, soccer, and baseball, and are active in campus activities such as student government, Students in Free Enterprise, Toastmasters Club, and the Elm.

"Beta Omega has become more than just an average fraternity," Gallara says. "The chapter prides itself on the fact that it is not just a social organization. We strive for something better."

Campaign Reaches $94 Million Mark

WITH JUST WEEKS remaining until the conclusion of the Campaign for Washington's College, more than $94.2 million has been tallied against an original goal of $72 million.

The Joseph H. McLain Memorial Committee has raised $610,000 to name the dramatic three-story atrium in the new science center now under construction, and a bequest from the late Estelle Wesley '37 generated $180,000. Funds available for the science center from private, governmental and institutional sources now stand at $17 million.

Other recent successes include contributions to the newly created John S. Toll Society, honoring 1782 Society members who have pledged to help steer the course set by President Toll with continued support for this year and the following two years.

Under the leadership of Milestone Council Chair Thomas H. Gale, members of the Board of Visitors and Governors have responded to a special challenge from Gale and his wife, Barbara, by increasing their gifts to the Campaign 32 percent over the level of their initial commitments. Total gifts from the Board now stand at $26.5 million. A new Gale Challenge pledging a dollar-for-dollar match up to $300,000 by December 31, 2003, has been issued to members of the Board, the Milestone Council and former trustees.

Included in the latest fundraising totals are a number of special private and government grants for specific academic projects. Prestigious sources such as the Maryland Historical Trust and the National Science Foundation are supporting projects ranging from the College's archeology program to monitoring fish behavior.

Jacoby Endowment Starts The Presses

AT A COLLEGE that attracts writers young and old to its O'Neill Literary House and that boasts the nation's largest undergraduate literary prize, it seems only fitting that publishing and book arts flourish here as well.

After a brief hiatus, The Literary House Press, a small publishing venture launched by creative writing professor Bob Day and two friends of the College who have since passed away, is rolling again, thanks to a revitalized board of directors and an infusion of cash.

Richard Harwood, as executive editor, and Maureen

Jacoby, as managing editor, had driven many of the Literary House Press projects since the Press's founding in 1992. Jacoby, who served on the board of the Literary House Press after a career with the Smithsonian Institution Press, left the College $200,000 to endow the Literary House Press; her bequest was matched by The Hodson Trust. The money will be used in part to support future publishing projects. With this infusion, the Press will maintain its original mission to focus on the heritage of the Eastern Shore and its writers.

Bea Harwood, Richard Harwood's widow, agreed to serve on the Board of Directors, which also includes Adam Goodheart, a writer, historian and a C. V. Starr Fellow serving as director of the Press, James Dissette '71, a former Sophie Kerr Prize winner, poet and publisher specializing in fine book arts, and Ted Widmer, director of the C. V. Starr Center for the American Experience.

Remaining on the Board are Bob Day, professor of English and creative writing, Meredith Davies Hadaway, vice president for college relations, and John Parker '55.

"We think the Press has the potential to be a real asset to many different parts of the College community," Goodheart said. "We'll be giving students, faculty, staff and alumni opportunities to do everything from writing books, to designing and illustrating them, to learning about the business side of publishing. This will be not just a creative venture, but an entrepreneurial one."

In fact, the revived Press' first two projects bring together local and national talent. Its first book will be a limited-edition printing of John Barth's *Browsing*, an essay he delivered as a speech at Washington College in 1992 to mark the shelving of the 200,000th volume in Miller Library. The monograph, designed by Dissette, is being printed by hand on the College's antique letterpress and bound in Minnesota, using handmade paper and old type from a foundry in New York. Chestertown artist Mary Rhinelander created several linoleum cuts to illustrate the piece. Washington College senior Heidi Atwood '04 worked with Barth and Dissette to prepare the text for publication. The Press will produce 150 limited edition copies of *Browsing*, 50 of which will be signed by the author.

This linoleum cut of author John Barth is one of several works Mary Rhinelander created for the Literary House Press edition of Barth's essay, *Browsing*.

"This will set a high benchmark for the type of work we do in the future," Dissette observes. "It will be marketed specifically to universities with special collections and to bookstores that sell limited editions."

Also in the works in a revised edition of *Maryland's Eastern Shore: A Guide for Wanderers*, which the Press first published in 1997, with text by Mary Corddry, an acclaimed travel writer. For the new edition, Goodheart is soliciting short essays on Eastern Shore locales written by members of the Washington College community, turning the book into a collegiate publishing venture in the tradition of the *Berkeley Guides* and Harvard's *Let's Go* series. Students in Goodheart's spring course on travel writing will also contribute to the volume.

To order books from the Literary House Press, contact jparker2@washcoll.edu. To learn more about getting involved in the Press's publishing ventures, contact agoodheart2@washcoll.edu.

C. V. Starr Center Aids Teaching Initiative

ON BEAUTIFUL weekends, Chestertown is teeming with tourists who enjoy absorbing the rich American history so much in evidence—from the Georgian homes lining leafy, brick-paved sidewalks and the replica British schooner *Sultana* moored near the foot of High Street, to Washing-

IN MEMORIAM

Owen R. Anderson '40

Owen R. Anderson '40, a native of Chestertown who achieved distinction during a 45-year career with the National Geographic Society, died August 6, 2003, three weeks shy of his 84th birthday.

A highly-decorated Army veteran, Anderson was an enlisted man in the first full division to arrive in Hawaii after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He returned Stateside a few months later for Officer Candidate School, and in September 1944 shipped out to Europe as a reconnaissance officer in an anti-tank company. For his 130 days of combat, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, a European Ribbon with three battle stars (Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe), and Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals.

Anderson joined the National Geographic Society in 1946, rising from printing press operator to executive vice president. By 1967, Owen had been promoted to associate secretary and was responsible for its fulfillment operations. He became vice president and secretary in 1976, and was named to the number two position in 1980, handling such administrative duties as accounting, membership services, purchasing and promotions. With his duties distributed among six senior staff, Anderson retired in 1991, becoming a trustee emeritus of the Society.

Anderson received Washington College's Alumni Citation in 1981. Upon his retirement, he received the Society's Grosvenor Medal for exceptional service.

Throughout much of his career, Anderson maintained a summer home in Kent County, and a close association with his *alma mater*.

ton College, the first college founded in the new United States of America. A federally-funded teaching initiative involving the College's C. V. Starr Center, the Sultana Projects, Inc. and Kent County Public Schools seeks to instill that same sense of appreciation in local schoolchildren by first inspiring their teachers.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a three-year, $951,909 Teaching American History grant to create an professional development program for primary- and secondary-level American history teachers. The program, to be known as the Washington's Legacy Project, is targeting a coalition of Eastern Shore school systems, including Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot and Worcester counties.

"The Washington's Legacy Project promises to be a significant step toward ensuring that our young people have a deep and abiding understanding of our nation's past," notes College President John Toll, "so that, individually and collectively, they can be fully involved, engaged and informed citizens as adults."

Graduation Rates Rise Among Athletes

WASHINGTON College is among the Top 10 NCAA Division III schools in two comparisons related to student-athlete graduation rates. The College is fifth among Division III institutions in "student-athlete graduation rate above student body rate" and seventh in "student-athlete graduation rate increase."

The rankings, released by the NCAA in October, reflect the rate of incoming freshmen in the 1996-97 academic year who went on to graduate from that institution in six years or fewer. The graduation rate for Washington College student-athletes over that time period was 79.3%, while the overall student body graduation rate at the College was 54.4%. WC's student-athlete graduation rate for the 1996-97 incoming class was up 13 percentage points from the 66.3% graduation rate of the 1995-96 incoming class.

"We are pleased to see that our student-athletes have performed among the best in the country for several key graduation rate comparisons," notes Athletic Director Bryan Matthews. "The academic accomplishments of our athletes are as much a source of pride as their athletic achievements. We congratulate them, their coaches, the faculty and the support staff that assist them."

Sailing Team Blows Away Competition

AFTER BEING RANKED 11th in the *Sailing World* preseason co-ed college rankings, the College's sailing team vaulted to No. 2 in the first in-season rankings, following the best season-opening two weeks in program history.

The WC sailors, who have never been ranked higher than tenth in the co-ed rankings, began the season by winning their first intersectional regatta title. Washington finished first of 24 teams at the Anderson Trophy, hosted by Yale University in early September. The regatta was first-year head coach Scott Leppert's inaugural race.

Washington College took second in both divisions to capture the overall title, outdistancing second-place and seventh-ranked Tufts by 27 points. Senior skipper Mike Buckley and junior crew Halle Ricker represented WC in A Division, while junior skipper Colin Robertson and senior crew Jen Hanley sailed in B Division.

WC was in second place after Saturday's races, trailing Dartmouth by three points, but a strong Sunday performance, led by race finishes of third, eighth, third, and first in A Division, resulted in Washington taking home the title by the wide 27-point margin.

Twelve of the top 20 schools in the preseason *Sailing World* college rankings participated in the Anderson Trophy.

The following weekend, Washington participated in three regattas. WC took second place in a competitive field of 24 schools at Captain Hurst Bowl, an intersectional regatta hosted by Dartmouth College. WC sailors also competed at the Riley Cup, hosted by Old Dominion, and the Navy Laser Open.

WC finished fourth in both A and B Division at the Captain Hurst. Buckley and Ricker sailed in A Division, while junior skipper Robertson and Hanley represented Washington in B Division.

At the Riley Cup, the Washington College contingent finished 11th of 18 teams, taking sixth place in A Division and tenth place in B Division.

Sophomore Carl Horrocks represented Washington College at the Navy Laser Open. Horrocks finished seventh of 24 sailors at the event.

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Mike Buckley '04 and Halle Ricker '05 are WC's two top sailors.

Field Hockey Scores Historic Win

THE COLLEGE'S field hockey team scored an historic win on September 23, knocking off a No. 1-ranked team for the first time ever. Senior defender Erin Thomas converted the final stroke to lift the Shorewomen to a 2-1 home upset over the defending NCAA Division III Champions, the Rowan University Profs.

After 70 minutes of regulation and two 15-minute sud-

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Laura Scimeca '05 leads the Centennial Conference in goals per game.

den-victory overtime periods, the Shorewomen (4-2) and Profs (4-1) were deadlocked at 1-1. The strokeoff began with Rowan's Beth Raleigh converting the first stroke. WC junior attack Laura Scimeca then knocked in the Shorewomen's first attempt to tie the strokeoff at 1-1. The next three players for each team failed to convert and the game came down to the final stroke for each team. Rowan's Jess Wadleigh failed to knock her attempt in for the Profs, paving the way for Thomas to beat Rowan goalie Christine Buteas high for the game-winning stroke.

Earlier in the game, the Shorewomen took the lead, 1-0, with 4:16 left in the first half. Freshman midfielder Ally Simons sent the ball inside the circle, where sophomore midfielder Bonnie Loder redirected the ball to Scimeca. Scimeca then knocked the ball in from the right side for her ninth goal of the season.

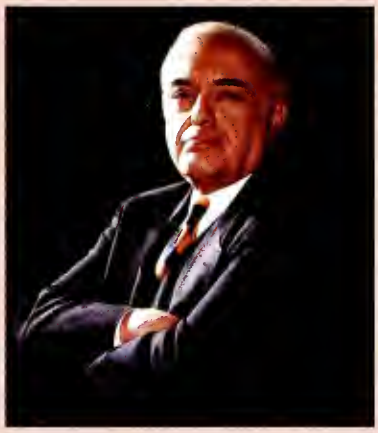
Rowan tied things up at 1-1 with 26:11 remaining in the second half when Becky Peterson scored off an assist from Raleigh.

While neither team scored in either overtime, Peterson twice came close to giving the Profs the win in the second extra period, only to have a WC player knock the ball away for a defensive save. Scimeca batted away the first of those two shots, with 12:25 remaining in the period and freshman defender Katie Madron saved the second one with 6:52 left.

WC senior goalie Zina Hense made a career-high 20 saves in the victory, helping to offset a furious offensive effort by Rowan in the second half and the two overtimes. Rowan held a 30-9 advantage in shots and a 30-8 advantage in penalty corners in the game. In the second half and the two overtimes combined, those numbers were even more in the Profs' favor as they held a 25-2 advantage in shots and a 25-4 advantage in corners.

HEARD AROUND CAMPUS

On Media Bias ...



"Is the media slanted to the left? Is it too liberal? I don't want to give you a straight answer on that, but I'll answer it with a question: Is the Pope Catholic?"

— Robert Novak, *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist and co-host of CNN's "Crossfire," on campus October 21, 2003, for the Harwood Lecture Series in American Journalism

Taylor Wins Second Championship

SENIOR TENNIS player Peter Taylor captured his second consecutive ITA Southeast Regional Singles Championship October 6 at Swarthmore College. Defeating David Shay of Washington & Lee, 6-3, 6-3, in the final match, Taylor earned a berth in the ITA National Small College Championships in mid-October.

Taylor, who was seeded first in singles, opened play at the regional tournament October 4, defeating Steve Ehrlich of Carnegie Mellon, 6-4, 6-2, in the first round and Justin Chan of Johns Hopkins, 6-0, 6-0, in the second round. The following day, he bested Mary Washington's Tim Ryan, 6-1, 6-0, in round three and Washington & Lee's Graham Nix, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2, in the quarterfinals. In the semifinal match, Taylor took set one against Washington & Lee's K.C. Schaefer, 7-5, and was leading the second set, 3-1, before Schaefer retired with a sprained ankle. Taylor then went on to defeat a Washington & Lee player for the third straight round by topping Shay in the final. In all, Taylor dropped just one set en route to winning the singles title.

In doubles play, Taylor teamed with junior Asfand Farouk to reach the semifinals. Taylor and Farouk, who were seeded fourth, downed Hassan Shah and Madhan Srinivasan of Wilkes, 8-4, in round one and Carnegie Mellon's Jardan Koslosky and Carl Yang, 8-3, in the second round. In the quarterfinals, the WC tandem topped Swarthmore's Mike Noreika and Frank Visciano, 8-6. Taylor and Farouk's run ended in the semifinals with an 8-6 loss to top-seeded Scott Mayberry and Nick Peel of Salisbury.

At the ITA nationals, Peter Taylor placed second in Division III singles.

Publishing For Peace

IN THE 22 YEARS Richard Creighton '73 has been publishing custom magazines, not one has caused such a buzz in Washington as his company's latest project—and most folks can't read a single word of it.

WELL, they can read the title. *Hi* is written in Arabic. Funded by the State Department, *Hi* is a consumer magazine reflecting American lifestyle and culture, but steering clear of politics and religion. Aimed at young Arabs who are curious about the United States, *Hi* was conceived as a way to foster better understanding of America among Arab nations and to build a relationship with the people who may one day be leading the Arab world.

Creighton is principal of The Magazine Group, a company he started with his wife, Jane, in 1981 that now produces 68 magazines. A political science and French major at Washington College, Creighton went on to Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies before getting into the magazine business. Thirty years later, he's tickled, finally, to be putting those lessons in political science to work.

"When Jane and I were asked to bid on this project, we thought, 'wouldn't it be amazing to contribute in some small way to a greater understanding among our countries and a more peaceful world,'" Creighton says. "By producing a magazine and building a web site where visitors can find useful information, respond to magazine content and take part in topical discussion areas, we're opening the lines of communication. If we can relate on a cultural level, maybe we can find a way to live more peaceably. People are formed by culture, not by politics."

Since the monthly magazine launched in July 2003, *Hi* has been the subject of much debate. Some have called it American propaganda. Others recognize the wisdom of countering the rise in anti-American sentiment in Arab countries by relating to young people culturally. Political and news magazines abound, but this is the only magazine of its kind that speaks to young Muslims about issues—beyond politics—that matter to them. Creighton has found himself in the spotlight as the media debate the value of the State Department's newest offensive in the Middle East, appearing on CNN and NPR, in the *Washington Post* and elsewhere.

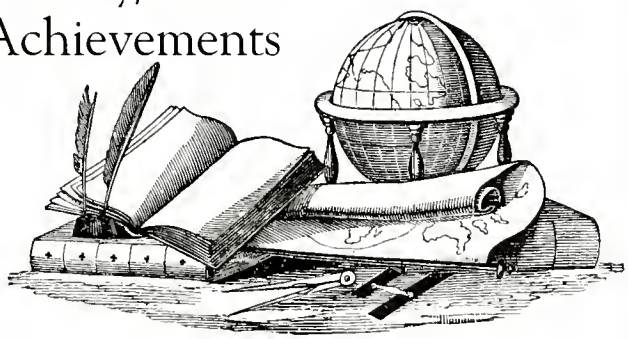
Richard Creighton '73 is traveling to the Middle East in January to conduct focus groups for *Hi*, the Arabic magazine his company produces for the State Department.

"In some respects this magazine is no different from the other magazines we produce," Creighton says. "We specialize in doing magazines for targeted audiences. The goal here was to reach a specific demographic in the Middle East in order to start a dialogue and to build a relationship. There's an overriding purposefulness that's similar to other custom magazines. Yet it's also very different because it's controversial and there are many more sensitivities and sensibilities involved. We're also dealing with audiences in 20 countries with their own subtleties."

The Magazine Group hired an Arab staff and has stringers filing stories from the Middle East. While the State Department's intent is certainly to portray America in a positive light, Creighton says the magazine is a valuable resource that is finding its way into the hands of students and educators.

"In the last issue, we followed several people in the Middle East who were applying for visas to study in the States," Creighton says. "Since 9/11, that's become more difficult, so we navigated the process for them. There's a huge interest in technology, and we've offered articles on distance learning. We talk about impact of Arabic music in America. People in the Middle East don't really know us, or how we do things. *Hi* focuses on the points we have in common and offers serious discussions about how we live in our society. This is a new idea—to focus on young people in order to generate better understanding. It will be a long-term effort, but I believe in this magazine."

Faculty/Staff Achievements



KEVIN BRIEN, professor of philosophy, has presented four papers at conferences in recent months. He presented a paper titled "To Believe? Or Not to Believe?: A Dialogue Concerning Religion, Politics, and Suffering," at the Fifth World Congress of The International Society for Universal Dialogue in Greece in May. The paper was just published in *Dialogue and Universalism*, a journal published jointly by the Polish Academy of Sciences and Warsaw University. His second paper, titled "Spiritual Transformations and Agape Love," was given at a conference of the Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science held at Villanova University in June. A third paper, titled "Humanistic-Marxism, Christianity, Buddhism: Converging Currents," was presented at the Twenty-First World Congress of Philosophy held in Istanbul, Turkey in August. A fourth paper, "Marx and Buddhism: Ironic Affinities," was delivered at the Third European Congress of Universalism held in Poland in August.

KATHERINE CAMERON, assistant professor of psychology, gave a research presentation, titled "Investigating the physiological basis of human memory: Systems and stages," to the Functional and Stereotactic Neurosurgical Unit at the General Hospital in Mexico City.

MARTIN CONNAUGHTON, assistant professor of biology, received $48,385 from the National Science Foundation for his research on the acoustic behavior of fish. He also published three articles: one, co-authored with three students, titled "Variability in Sonic Muscle size and Innervation among three Ciaenids: Spot, Atlantic Croaker, and Weakfish"; the second titled "Weakfish Sonic Muscle: Influence of Size, Temperature, and Season"; and the third titled "Use of Sound for Localization of Spawning Weakfish in Delaware Bay and Effect of Fish Size, Temperature, and Season on Sound Parameters."

Professor of English TOM COUSINEAU read a paper on the Austrian writer Thomas Bernhard at the annual meeting of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion in Innsbruck. His essay, "*En attendant Godot*: pour finir encore avec des rites sacrificiels," was published in *Cahiers de la Maison Beckett*. He also joined a group of French theater professionals for a roundtable discussion in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Paris premiere of *Godot*.

LISA DANIELS, assistant professor of economics, had a paper accepted for publication as a chapter in the *African Development Perspectives Yearbook*. In September, she traveled to Bangladesh to present the final report on a survey of the private sector. The survey, funded by Britain, the United States, Sweden and Switzerland, visited 56,000 households and business sites to identify their constraints, business associations and the general characteristics of the private sector in that nation.

ROBERT DAWSON, instructor in economics, completed his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

KEES DE MOOY, Program Manager for the C. V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience, has just released *The Wisdom of Thomas Jefferson* (Citadel, 2003), his second addition to Citadel Press' popular Philosophical Library series. His first book, *The Wisdom of John Adams*, was released in February 2003.

MELISSA DECKMAN, assistant professor of political science, has signed a contract with Prentice Hall to publish a new textbook on women and American politics. The

Austin Lobo, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, gave a poster presentation on "Structured Matrices in LinBox" at the East Coast Computer Algebra Day at Clemson University. He gave a talk titled "Rank and Smith Form of Extremely Sparse Matrices" at the Applications of Computer Algebra conference at North Carolina State University. Lobo also has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to provide computer science research experience for undergraduates who will work with him on a project related to developing a library of programs for solving large systems of equations using modern algorithms and programming techniques.

Erin Murphy '90, lecturer in English, recently received second place honors in the Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards competition. She was also a finalist for this year's Pablo Neruda Prize and for the River Styx Poetry Prize, and her poem "Not Yet Named" took second place in the Literal Latte poetry contest. In October she attended a poetry conference at the University of Tulsa.

book will be a co-authored with professors from Macalester College and Georgetown University.

IRV DEGRAW, assistant professor of business management, co-authored a paper titled "Why do Firms Go Public? Theory Meets Practice," presented at the annual Academy of Financial Services conference in Denver, CO.

This summer, MEREDITH DAVIES HADAWAY M'96, vice president for college relations, completed her Master of Fine Arts degree in Writing at Vermont College of Union Institute & University.

KARL KEHM, assistant professor of physics, co-authored an article, "High Precision Iron Isotope Measurements of Meteoritic Material by Cold Plasma ICP-MS," which was published in *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.

JUAN LIN, professor of physics, published an article titled "Traveling waves in a model of influenza A drift," with V. Andreasen, R. Casagrandi and S. A. Levin, in the *Journal of Theoretical Biology*.

KEVIN MCKILLOP, associate professor of psychology, presented four papers, co-authored with undergraduate students, at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. The papers were titled "Questing for Enemies: Religion and Enmity," "How to Create an Enemy... Or not?," "My Dorm is Better than Your Dorm: Intergroup Bias in College Dormitories" and "Perfectionism and Religion." He also presented a paper co-authored with a student at the 15th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society, titled "Do Interpersonal Enemies Accumulate, Dissipate or Remain Constant over Time?"

KATE MONCRIEF, assistant professor of English, presented a paper "Reading the Signs: Pregnancy, Paternity and the Question of Evidence in Shakespeare," at the Group for Early Modern Studies Annual Conference in Newport Beach, CA.

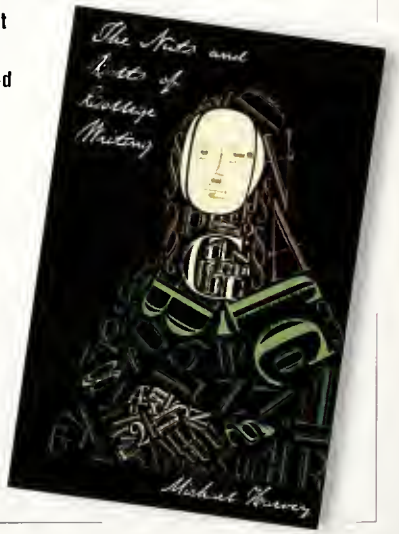
ANDREW OROS, assistant professor of political science, presented a poster, "Godzilla's Return: The New Nuclear Politics in an Insecure Japan," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia and delivered several lectures on American foreign policy at Washington College's American Studies Institute, a five-week summer program for 21 Muslim students from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

RUTH SHOGE, acting director of the Miller Library, presented a paper titled "The Library as Place in the Lives of African Americans" at the 11th National Conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

KAREN SMITH, professor of physical education, presented the report "The Spiritual Foundations of Dance" and gave a demonstration of the Pilates method at the 17th Annual World Conference on Dance Research in Naxos, Greece.

SUSAN VOWELS, assistant professor of business management, is busy preparing with her fellow members of the Delaware Choral Society to sing at Carnegie Hall on Memorial Day 2004. This concert will bring several American choirs together to perform under the direction of John Rutter, a well-known composer of choral works. The Choral Society will perform in Rutter's "Requiem." The website of the Choral Society is www.delawarechoralsociety.org.

Michael Harvey, assistant professor of business management, has just released a new book, *The Nuts & Bolts of College Writing*, published by Hackett Publishing. The book presents a how-to approach for college writers, identifying the qualities that distinguish good writing from bad and providing practical measures for avoiding the potholes on the road to effective writing. *The Nuts & Bolts Guide to College Writing* is available online from Amazon.com, and a companion website can be found at http://nutsandbolts.washcoll.edu.



PORTFOLIO

Happy Birthday, MR. PRESIDENT

Photography by Laura Johnstone Wilson

EACH YEAR, FALL FAMILY DAY presents opportunities for parents to reconnect with their students, to see for themselves what's so special about this place their children now call home, and to revel in the pride of scholarly growth and personal transformations underway. This year's day of celebration, falling on October 25, was especially memorable as freshman families joined a host of faculty, board members and friends sending 80th birthday wishes to Johnny Toll, now in his final year of active presidency. Surrounded by his family—wife Deborah and daughters Dacia and Caroline—Toll cut a huge birthday cake for 400 guests, was serenaded by jazz diva Sue Dunning Matthews '75, and accepted a cap from the baseball team. On behalf of all WC parents, Karla Draper, chair of the Parents Council, thanked Dr. Toll for all he has done for Washington College.

Clockwise from top: Parents Council Chair Karla Draper; John Toll with his family; Toll with his former housekeeper, Dolly Robinson; Sue Dunning Matthews '75 (center) with other well-wishers.

Pluck & Luck

RENOWNED GUITAR MAKER PAUL REED SMITH brings his lessons of business success and guitar playing to Washington College.

GOTTA HAVE IT

PROFESSOR GEORGE SPILICH doesn't wait for much. Check writers in the express lane? "You gotta be kiddin'!" Three-minute eggs? "No way!" Fast food? "Too slow!" But when it comes to his Paul Reed Smith electric guitar, he admits he's been pining away for months. "You know as the old Supremes' hit goes, 'You can't hurry love, you just have to wait,'" he says, forlorn and pensive. "Any day now, I know my love will come to me."

Like the custom-built cars of old—Shelbys and Rolls-Royces and Duisenbergs—Paul Reed Smith guitars roll off the assembly line at the pace of all fine things built from start to finish by loving craftsmen using the finest materials. Of course, their exclusivity just increases the public demand.

"Paul Reed Smith is one of the great guitar makers of our time," says senior Joe Brooks, a student musician with his own campus band. "I saw Dave Matthews playing with one once, and I asked my friend about them. He said, 'That's a PRS guitar, but I'll probably never be able to afford one.'"

The enthusiasm surrounding PRS guitars is cross-generational and easy to understand.

"He's a major figure in the industry and what he has done for the construction of guitars is amazing," said Ted Knight '97, the College webmaster and a guitarist who helped to organize the renowned guitar maker's October visit to campus.

Once Fender and Gibson were words that sent chills and pangs of desire through every suburban kid with garage-band skills and arena-sized dreams. But for today's generation, PRS is the Holy Grail for anyone who wants to rock and roll. There's a lot of mystique packed into those three initials. Heck, Professor Spilich hocked his classic Gibson hollow-body electric in anticipation of buying a new, custom-built PRS.

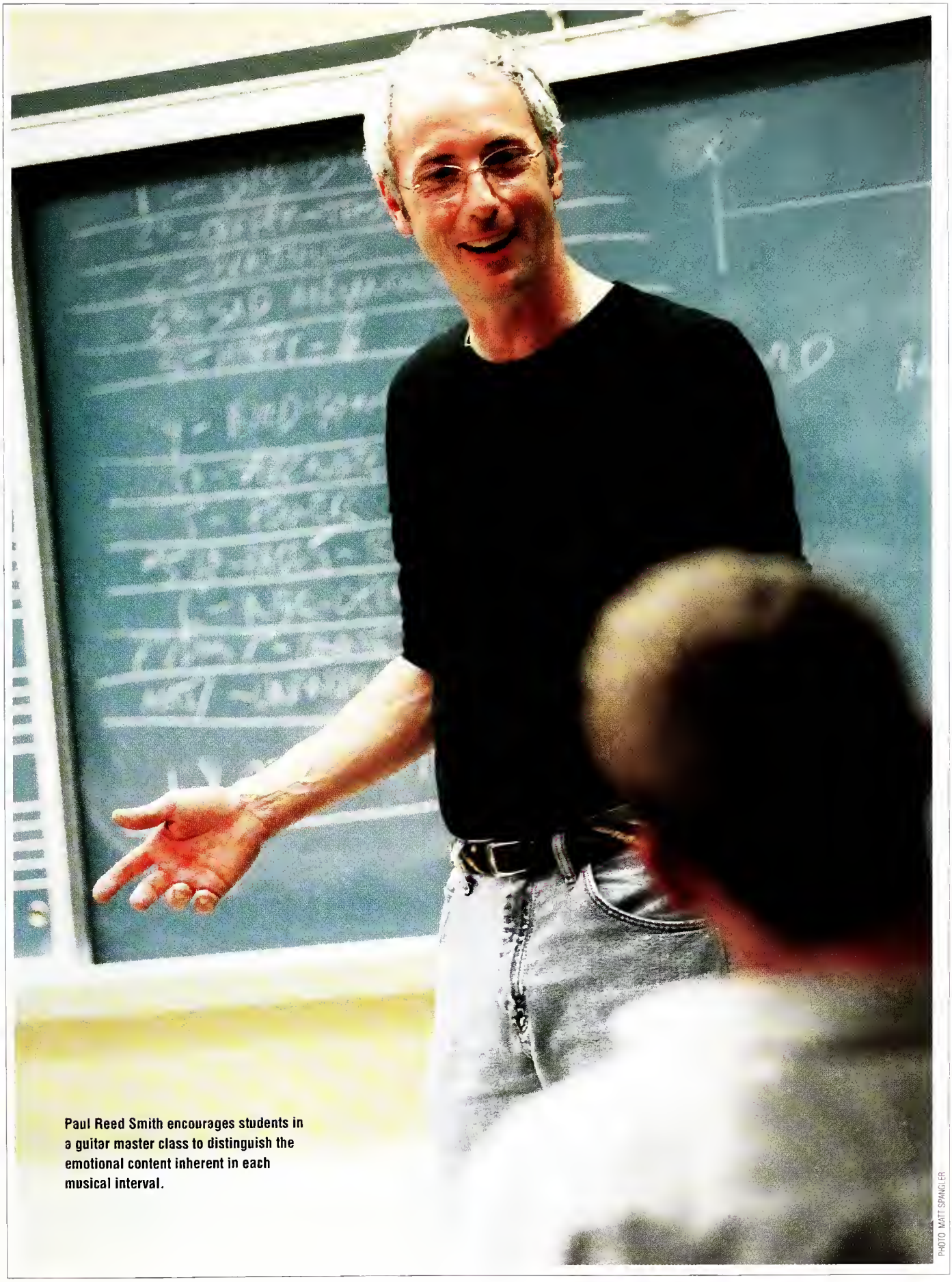
"It was hard parting with that old Gibson," Spilich says. "I grew up with it. I'd had it since the '60s. But PRS is the tops, the best of the best. I just had to have one."

INSTRUMENTS OF THE GODS

Few might know that the origin of PRS Guitars, the brain child of the company's founder, Paul Reed Smith, is a true success story with a local angle. It's a tale of pluck and luck, of the passion that music inspires and the perseverance to see your dream come alive.

Born in Bowie, MD, Smith attended Bowie High School and St. Mary's College. It was in college that his passion for guitar making came alive after he hand-built his first guitar for extra

BY JOHN A. BUETTNER '89



Paul Reed Smith encourages students in a guitar master class to distinguish the emotional content inherent in each musical interval.

PHOTO MATT SPANGLER

Paul Reed Smith demonstrates to a standing-room-only class how musical compositions—and guitars—are built.

credit from his music professor. In 1975, Smith opened a guitar shop on West Street in downtown Annapolis and custom-built guitars for area musicians, honing his craft and hoping for a break into the rock music industry. Like many American kids, he loved rock music, and the dream of being a guitar "god"—a Jimi Hendrix, a Carlos Santana, an Eddie Van Halen—more than once crossed his mind. But he realized that, though his playing might not take him to the top, his craft just might.

"I remember hanging out at the local concert arenas for six, seven hours before a show to make friends with the roadies," Smith tells. "With a backstage pass in hand, I'd peddle my guitars to the stars. One night in ten I'd make a sale. I made deals. If the big names didn't love the guitars, they didn't have to pay me even when I knew I couldn't make my rent the next day. After getting some single orders and a small following, we built two prototypes. I popped them in the back seat of my truck and cranked it up, calling on guitar dealers up and down the East Coast. After a lot of miles I came back with enough orders to start a company."

Now, after a quarter century—from lone craftsman to major manufacturer—Smith is recognized for building the world's premier electric guitars, the instruments of the guitar gods. Manufactured on the Eastern Shore in Stevensville, MD, PRS guitars are known to both musicians and music fans alike for their distinctive style and sound, and are seen in the hands of the world's finest players, from the baby boomers' Carlos Santana to today's raves such as Dave Matthews, Dave Navarro and Brad Delson of Linkin Park.

"I want to build guitars that will last beyond our children's lifetimes," says Smith. "Am I attached to being remembered for the music I play? No. Am I attached to the guitars I make being remembered? Yes!"

IN A CHORD...

But in no way is Smith just all business about guitars. It's love, pure and simple. He loves making music, and loves the electric guitar. In fact, he admits to being a perpetual student of guitar and, like a student, doesn't hold back his utter enthusiasm for his favorite subject. On October 17, at the invitation of the College, Smith and Gary Grainger, the bassist for his band, held a master class for guitar students and their instructor, Tom Anthony. Focusing on interval training, Smith shared the way he taught himself to play and to appreciate the myriad moods that a guitar can evoke.

"What I want to try to teach you is the way to relate the interval to a sound or feeling to get you more interested in playing the guitar," Smith tells the class that crowds the classroom, oohing and aahing over two new PRS models he passes around. "This is the beginning of real ear training."

"Now Gary, play a flat five." He taps the three piano keys in the order of the chord while Smith probes Washington College's nascent Santanas. "Now how are you going to describe the flat five?"

"The jazz villain!" says one student enthusiastically, seizing on the chord's ominous tones.

"That's creepy," says another. "I wouldn't trust a guy playing that."

PHOTOS THIS PAGE: MATT SPANGLER

Everyone laughs. Smith grins, his eyes sparkle, he sees they are catching on to the spirit of the music.

"Now the dominant seventh. Can you hear the feeling in there?"

"There's an element of conquest in it," says a student confidently.

"It's the 'taking over' note," says Smith, in agreement. "It's like 'Eureka!'"

Yup, they were getting into it. But so was Smith, who couldn't hide his enthusiasm.

"I'm learning—we're learning—all the time," he says. "I've taught this class about three times, and you guys are coming up with descriptions that I haven't come up with. All these intervals have a different sound and a different feel. I guess the reason that I do this is because when I was taught music, nobody really explained this to me. It took me years to figure it out. When somebody was talking Phrygian scale or harmonic minor, or this or that, I kind of got lost, until I started to understand they all had a sound, a unique beauty, and I got more interested."

PHOTO: CARLOS ALEJANDRO

George Spilich, professor of psychology, finally gets his PRS guitar. ("Now if I could only play it.")

For senior Kentavius Jones, who has been playing guitar for six years, this special class was both a lesson in music and a lesson in living.

"I saw how his passion translated into his will to study and to learn music," he says. "He took a love and it evolved into his life."

NINE O'CLOCK ROCK

College is about learning, of course, but it is also about fun, and that was the real reason Smith brought his band to campus that Friday in autumn. He loves talking about music and teaching guitar, but, above all, he loves playing.

In his spare time, he performs with his two bands, the Paul Reed Smith Dragons, which records guitar-driven, original songs, and the Paul Reed Smith Band, which he describes as a bar band whose main job is to have fun and make sure that the people who come to listen dance and have fun, too. The Band played WC.

While the PRS soundman looked over his mixing board as big as NASA Mission Control, students steadily gathered in the College's Student Center, attracted by the PRS reputation and the chance to hear some good music. They were in for some surprises—just a few hours after the guitar class, Smith was no longer teacher but bandleader, and this show was going to be interactive.

"Come on, what do you want to hear, what do you want us to play?" he asked the audience. Then somebody yelled "Pride and Joy!" But you couldn't stump this band. They launched into the Stevie Ray Vaughan classic without missing a beat.

From Cream to Korn, the night wore on and the song challenges didn't stop. From the classic "Purple Haze" and "Mustang Sally" to James Brown's outlandish "Sex Machine," Smith accomplished what he set out to do and got even the shyest students to dance.

"I love music that gets people's bodies to do things their heads would be ashamed to do," says Smith. "I like music that makes people dance, when you can't help yourself but dance to it."

Perhaps the biggest thrill came when Smith invited students to be part of the show. Kentavius Jones belted out a solid rendition of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On," and soon after, Gary Grainger handed his bass guitar to senior Meg Morris.

"Paul yelled from the stage, 'Meg, you want to play? End of the set!'" says Morris. "I didn't know what to expect. I was out in the crowd dancing towards the end of the night, and I hear Paul yelling over the music, 'Get up here, Meg!' So I bopped up on stage, Gary handed me his PRS bass—which was the nicest instrument I've ever played—pointed to a fret and said 'G,' and I started playing."

Then senior guitarist Sam Guthridge was recruited from the audience for the Grand Jam.

"It was like I had found myself up there in one of those dreams where you go to school and realize all of a sudden that you're naked," Guthridge laughs, enjoying his memory of the night he jammed with Paul Reed Smith and a $10,000 guitar. "I noodled for a minute, found two or three familiar notes to fit into the 'G' blues going on around me, and then Paul had to pull me aside to turn up the volume on the guitar. Oops!"

"It wasn't any song in particular, just a jam—something funky," Morris adds. "Sam jumped up, smiling ear to ear, and ripped a great solo. The whole place was dancing and having a great time, and Paul told the crowd that the night had been just about the most fun the band had ever had at a show. Playing up there with him and his band was just about the most fun I've ever had at a show, too!"

"Afterwards, my friends told me that they had never seen such a look of pure terror in my eyes," Guthridge says. "But it was a hell of a time—no matter how bad I thought I played. At least I've now played one of the most famous guitars in the world and have something I can brag about to all the people who can still play circles around me."

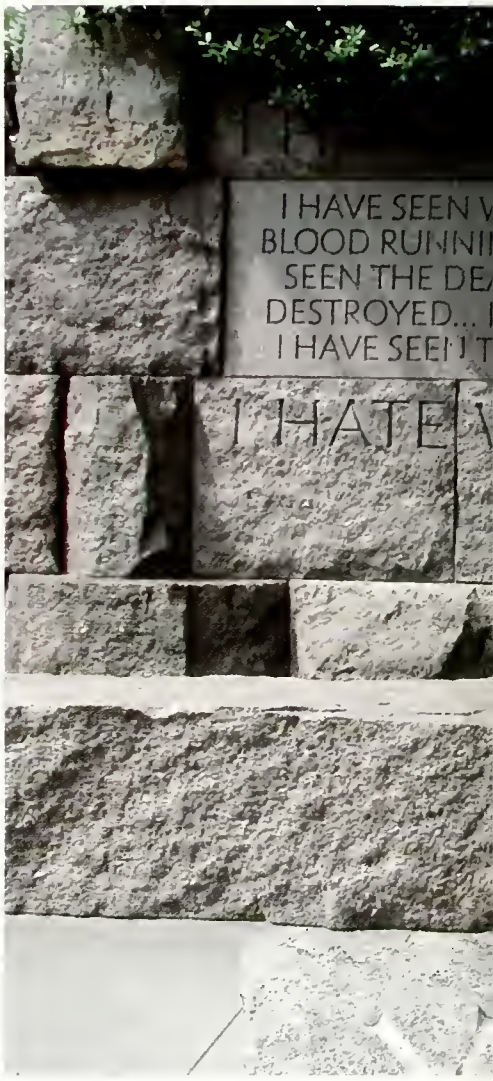
So when the last students stepped out into the evening with the music still ringing in their heads, as the last stage light was extinguished and the last latch on the guitar case snapped shut, the lesson from Smith's visit was clear: whether you are a three-chord wonder or an Andres Segovia, be a fool for what you love and never hide the music in your heart.

John Buettner '89 is a staffer in the College Relations Office still trying to learn Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water."

Opposite: 'Scenes from a Master Class' include bassist Gary Grainger at the keyboard, Katie Hanley '06 admiring a PRS prototype, and Kentavius Jones '04 caught up in a musical moment.

WORLD VIEWS

CROSSING CULTURAL DIVIDES



Mudassar Kazi and Omar Farook with the author.

AS MISTRUST OF THE UNITED STATES among Muslim countries grows, the State Department has launched new educational programs to foster better understanding between nations. During its inaugural American Studies Institute at Washington College, 21 young Muslim students learned about American history and culture, its founding principles, and the distinction between American foreign policy and the American people who, they discovered, are not so different from themselves.

WORD AND PICTURES BY KEES DE MOOY '01

Yasmin Sayed copies the inscription from one of the monuments comprising the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. Robert Duemling, who teaches American architecture at Washington College, led the ASI students to a series of Washington's famed monuments.

I'M LEAFING THROUGH my Dutch passport from more than twenty years ago. Well-worn and full of entry stamps from distant places, it reminds me of my youthful misadventures. On one of its last pages is an indigo-colored tourist visa for India, issued long ago in Stockholm during a bitterly cold, snowy day in January. At the time, India beckoned me with promises of mystery and adventure, so with spending money derived from the sale of my record collection, a few books and my 1974 Scout, I prepared for an exciting trek through the land of Gandhi, Tagore and Krishnamurti. It didn't happen. My travel agency went belly-up on the day I was to depart, and instead I ended up in San Francisco, a far cry from Delhi. In the intervening years, I occasionally reminisced about my missed opportunity, but believed that the likelihood of visiting the subcontinent had died with that Swedish travel bureau back in '82.

The chance to renew my lost connection with South Asia emerged in December 2002, when, as part of my job as program manager at the C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience, director Ted Widmer, members of the Washington College administration and I were approached by the U.S. Department of State with an exciting proposition. Would we like to host 21 Muslim college students from Bangladesh, Pakistan and India for a five week pilot program on American democracy, history and culture? We had to decide quickly: American embassies had already been notified of the institute, and the selection process was under way. Without much hesitation, we agreed to embark on what became the American Studies Institute (ASI). The timeline was ridiculously short. Funding was assured by the State Department, but we had no classrooms, curriculum or teachers, and the institute was scheduled to start within six months.

During the planning stages, many hurdles had to be overcome. While Ted worked on the curriculum and readings, I zeroed in on the mountain of logistical details. Each day of classes had to be planned out in minute detail. Most of the students, I was told, wanted vegetarian meals (definitely no pork), separate prayer space, and segregated male and female dorms. The realities of living in a post 9/11 world raised other concerns, such as how to ease Muslim students through heightened airport security. Fortunately, Washington College's able staff took care of food, housing and security, while State Department and American embassy officials in South Asia addressed the complicated travel and visa arrangements. Three of Washington College's top students—Colleen Costello, Florin Ivan and Brenna Schneider—were godsends, helping me in every way they could, from sending out welcome packets to endless copying requests.

In meetings leading up to the institute, Ted and I discussed other, more nebulous dilemmas. What could we hope to teach these young adults in such a short period of a few weeks, and what would we be forced to leave out? How do you teach democracy to students from countries with varying success in democratic government, countries with long histories of ethnic, religious and political conflict? And how to portray America's own struggle with democracy, especially in the areas of civil rights, globalism and foreign policy? An honest approach made the most sense. A blatantly one-sided view of American history would, at the very least, be dishonest. After all, the courage to acknowledge the past—both good and bad—is a challenging but essential feature of an enduring democracy.

Art history professor Donald McColl discusses John Singleton Copley's "Watson and the Shark" with ASI students at the National Gallery of Art.

Many long hours and sleepless nights later, Ted and I, together with a core group of faculty, designed a program with—we hoped—a stimulating mix of academics and educational field trips designed to enlighten our visitors about the United States, and provide insight into those "truths we hold self-evident." A group of talented Washington College professors was hired to lecture on their areas of expertise: Melissa Deckman on the structure of government and women's rights; Robert Fallaw on the Civil War and slavery; Donald McColl on early American art; Andrew Oros on American foreign policy; Dan Premo on terrorism; Tahir Shad on U.S.-South Asian relations; and John Taylor on the criminal justice system. An impressive array of outside speakers rounded out the institute: Imam Bashar Arafat, Director of the Civilizations Exchange and Cooperation Foundation, would lecture about Islam in America; Taylor Branch, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of Martin Luther King, on the connections between King and Gandhi; Robert Duemling, former diplomat and museum director, on American architecture; Badi Foster, Executive Director and Lincoln Filene Professor of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Tufts University, on the issue of race in America; Townsend Hoopes, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow and an expert on American foreign policy, on U.S.-Middle East relations; and Cynthia Schneider, former ambassador to the Netherlands, on American cultural diplomacy. Assisting to pull the entire program together was Charlotte Staelin, an historian who specializes in South Asia.

Nazia Izuddin and Ali Khan recite from the Qur'an at the ASI farewell dinner, where the cultures of the students' home countries—Bangladesh, India and Pakistan—were celebrated.

As the arrival date for the students approached, I worked with the ASI staff on small details that we hoped would make the students feel at home. A classroom in Goldstein Hall was converted into prayer space. Oriental rugs were borrowed from elsewhere on campus, and the empty walls were decorated with Arabic gold-lettered Qur'anic verses embroidered on black velvet. A poster of Mecca, holy site of the annual pilgrimage for millions of Muslims, completed the decor. The dorms were filled with colorful posters and fabric, and Florin posted a picture of Chef from South Park over the men's kitchen sink with the admonition, "Please clean up after yourself."

With all of the preparations complete, the first flight of students arrived at Baltimore/Washington International Airport on June 29. Despite detailed questionnaires provided by the American embassies in Dhaka, Karachi and Mumbai, and photos of some of the students, there remained unanswered questions. How orthodox were these Muslim students? How well would they get along with each other? News stories heightened my concerns. The nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan, a reported link between Pakistani-backed insurgents and Al Qaeda, and the upsurge of fundamentalism in all three nations were unsettling. Additionally, American occupation troops in Afghanistan and Iraq angered Muslims around the globe. How would we be perceived by our visitors?

With flight information provided by the State Department and confirmed by each of the participants, we drove to BWI with two College vans. Upon entering the arrivals area, I scanned the monitors, but the anticipated flight was not listed anywhere! I started to panic. Had the flight been cancelled? Or rerouted? My questions at several airline counters yielded no solution to the mystery of the vanished flight. Nevertheless, we stayed at the gate and, precisely at the time listed in the itinerary, a group of seven bleary-eyed young men and women walked towards us from customs. Awkwardly waving our ASI placards, we smiled and tentatively greeted them.

My vague, somewhat irrational preconceptions and nervousness began to dissolve immediately. I was surprised by the Western appearance of our foreign guests. Though two of the women were dressed in colorful shalwar kameez, the

rest of the group looked like they had just walked off a typical American campus. Sumi, a striking woman from Chittagong, sported bell-bottom jeans and a faux-fur lined jean jacket. Despite warnings we'd heard that Muslim women did not shake hands with men, the whole group reached out to us without any hesitation. Their genuine smiles and laughter disarmed me completely. Fluent English speakers, they were delightfully helpful, bright and inquisitive.

Weary from their arduous journey across eleven time zones but excited by their arrival in the U.S., the group piled into the vans for the trip to Chestertown. Sazid Islam, a wiry, brash-talking business major from Dhaka, settled into the passenger seat beside me. Curious to see how much of my information about them was accurate, I leaned over my seat to ask my passengers how many of them were vegetarians. A few of the women nodded affirmatively, but Sazid with a disgusted tone blurted out, "Vegetables? I hate vegetables! I only eat meat!"

The following day we drove three vans to Dulles Airport for the Pakistani and Indian delegates. The arrivals area was jammed with several hundred people, and we eagerly scanned the security doors each time they opened, waving our ASI signs at every lost-looking young soul. After several hours, we accounted for all of our very tired charges and headed home across the Chesapeake Bay. I was excited and chattered on about the Bay Bridge, Kent Island and its history, and a host of (what I thought were) significant details that all foreign visitors ought to know, but was interrupted when Akbar Ansari, a large, garrulous young man from Mumbai, began to snore very loudly. He had put up a good show of listening attentively, but I saw his eyes rolling into the back of his head several times and he finally succumbed. I glanced in the rear view mirror and discovered that everyone else was similarly asleep.

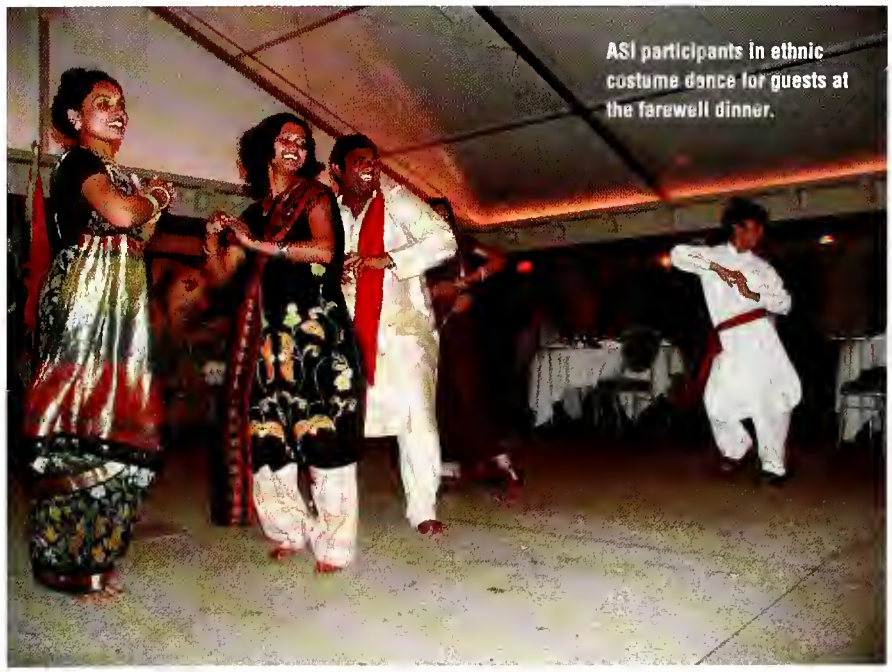
An impromptu game of cricket and several boisterous, late night Taboo matches helped our South Asian visitors relax into their new surroundings. Most of them made the transition to a strange culture without a hitch, albeit with many phone calls and e-mails to their friends and family. I received one e-mail from a concerned father whose daughter was feeling homesick. "She likes Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken," he instructed, and sure enough, one visit to a local fast food joint cured her of her sadness. For the rest, there were occasional grumbles about unfamiliar foods in the dining hall, except when fried chicken was served. Omer Chaudhary, an intense, fast-talking economics major from Karachi, approached me to ask in a very serious tone, "Kees, do you think we could have chicken every night?"

The first week of class began with a lecture on the founding period by Ted Widmer aboard the *Sultana*, a reproduction 18th-century schooner that yearly instructs thousands of schoolchildren about history and the environment. During that leisurely voyage on the Chester River, with all hands assisting with the raising of sails and steering the vessel, some of the central questions posed by the institute were touched upon: who were the people that settled the American colonies, what ideas did they bring with them, and how does their legacy endure and manifest itself today?

In this and subsequent classes, it became apparent that this was a highly intelligent and engaging group of young men and women. They were shy at first, not being accustomed to Western-style teaching with its emphasis on classroom interaction. But as time went on, their initial hesitance dissolved and feisty, free-wheeling discussions erupted, not always on subject. Whether they were studying the Bill of Rights or women's rights, the war in Iraq and America's foreign policy frequently worked their way into the discussion. Conversations between teachers, staff and students frequently spilled into Goldstein's hallways after class. The students' energy and excitement was an infectious and stimulating feature for everyone associated with the institute.

Field trips highlighted each week's lessons, facilitated by bus driver Larry Clark, a retired R&B disc jockey who became a favorite of the group. The brand new National Constitution Center in Philadelphia wowed the ASI participants with a Spielberg-worthy presentation on the American Revolution and a fascinating array of interactive museum displays. Favorite among these was the opportunity, via computer and video technology, to be sworn in as President of the United States. Zainab Ijaz, a Pakistani economics student, thus became the first female president, her digitized, color image projected with that of Chief Justice Rehnquist on a large overhead video screen.

After our tour at the Constitution Center ended, I took the group on a walking tour through Chinatown and decided that a dim sum restaurant was a good choice for lunch. Forgetting that pork is an ingredient in many Chinese dishes, I cheerily encouraged everyone to sample whatever struck their fancy from the dishes being



ASI participants in ethnic costume dance for guests at the farewell dinner.

offered. Big mistake. When one of the Indian men took a bite out of a pork dumpling, he erupted in shock and anger. Fortunately, the situation was quickly defused by the rest of the students sitting at the victim's table by pointing out that pork eaten by mistake is not considered a breach of Qur'anic law. It is to the students' credit that later on, whenever there was a question about where to eat, they laughingly said, "How about Chinese?"

If pressed to describe their favorite field trip, most would choose New York, the site of a highly memorable visit. Ted Widmer, a former speechwriter in the Clinton White House, organized a visit to Clinton's Harlem office. It was difficult to keep a straight face as Ted told the students that the goal that morning was to visit a "typical New York office building," especially once Secret Service agents started to position themselves around us while we waited outside. We were whisked through his office, but all had the opportunity to shake the hand of the man who had been hailed as a hero in South Asia during his second term in office. The students were deeply impressed by the most striking feature of his office, a framed, autographed photo of Gandhi taken in 1953 that Clinton purchased on a visit to Australia. One student summed up her experience by saying that "it was undoubtedly the greatest surprise in my life."

Perhaps spurred by the Clinton visit, the State Department began working behind the scenes to get our group admitted to a special Fulbright award reception with Secretary of State Colin Powell. During the last segment of the institute, a four-day whirlwind tour of Washington's museums, monuments and government buildings, we traveled to the main Department of State complex and, after clearing security, walked through a maze of hallways to the opulent Benjamin Franklin reception room, a grandly appointed space with one of the finest collections of American furniture and fine arts in the country. We mingled with an array of Pentagon officials, foreign dignitaries and Fulbright recipients from around the globe, sampled finger food from multi-tiered tables of hors d'oeuvres and, during the awards ceremony, stood within several feet of Powell while he delivered his remarks.

Less opulent, but certainly no less memorable for the students, were the family dinner nights at homes in and around Chestertown. In groups of three or four, students observed firsthand how Americans live. A few in the local community went out of their way and hosted the entire group. Helen Fritz, mother of the Cultural Affairs Attaché who selected the participants from Bangladesh, hosted a splendid reception featuring mint-laced lemonade that garnered rave reviews, and later in the program, invited us all to a buffet dinner complete with entertainment by musician and storyteller Tom McHugh, a former Washington College professor of education who mesmerized the group with a humorous condensed history of early American music on guitar, banjo and harmonica. Madhu Sidhu and her family, who produced a smorgasbord of Indian dishes on two occasions, allowed their hungry guests to take food home to savor the next day. For my part, I invited all of the male participants, staff and a few faculty to my tiny one-bedroom apartment for (what else?) chicken, fried shrimp, rice and paratha, a Pakistani form of flat bread. The preparation and cooking time far exceeded my expectations, but thankfully I got a lot of help from two Indian students who taught me the proper way to fry the paratha, while the rest of the group learned how to throw a Frisbee within the confines of a small town street.

ASI participants pause on the steps of the College's Custom House, home of the C. V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience, for a snapshot during their whirlwind tour of American cities.

The five weeks of seminars, field trips and cultural events came to a close at a Dupont Square hotel in Washington. I was, like everyone else, exhausted but elated with the outcome of the institute. I had never worked harder, or been so deeply rewarded. After just one month together, I felt like each of these young men and women were now part of my family. Lasting cross-border friendships were formed. One participant remarked that "knowing the cultures of Pakistan, Bangladesh and India at one time was the most astonishing and lovely experience." As each group of students left the hotel for their flights home, those remaining bid them a fond farewell with hugs, tears and laughter. After her return to Pakistan, Lubna Sunawar summed up her ASI experience to her father: "Baba, it was a dream in which, like Alice, I found myself in a beautiful wonderland, and the name of the wonderland was Washington College, Chestertown."

Now when I look at my passport, I'm not sad about my missed opportunity from two decades ago. I'm excited with the knowledge that one day soon I will be reunited with my South Asian friends. Whether it is in Dhaka, Mumbai or Karachi, I can't wait to see them, to shake their hands, and finally travel the lands I dreamed of years ago.

Kees de Mooy '01, nicknamed "Daddy" by the ASI participants, remains in e-mail contact with the students he shepherded through their first American experience. For more information about the American Studies Institute, including photos and media links, visit http://starrcenter.washcoll.edu.

TALES OF GREAT TEACHING

THE EXECUTIVE BACKPACKER'S *guide to* BUSINESS IN EUROPE

FOLLOWING THE CREDO THAT ALL BUSINESS IS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, Professor Terry Scout devised a way to give his students their first international business experience while providing them a comfortable way to travel. Some of the best advice he and his students will pass along to next year's "Business in Europe" trek?

Pack light and wear your walking shoes.

BY MARCIA C. LANDSKROENER M'02

Nick Faherty tries out Leiden's early public transportation system.

TERRY SCOUT likes to send his students away. Far, far away. He was thrilled when, on two previous occasions, his students landed intern ships with a global industry and a small European specialty manufacturer. He encourages all of his majors to study abroad. Yet many students are reluctant to venture far from home solo, and the College's study abroad programs are geared more toward the study of languages and humanities than that of business.

The "Business in Europe" program pushes students out of the nest gently, providing a faculty-guided experience that introduces them not only to international business environments, but also to travel abroad. For four of the seven students on the inaugural trip that encompassed the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, this was their first visit outside of the United States.

"I've wanted to do this for some time," says Scout, "and Tahir Shad [director of the international studies program] made it happen."

The two professors selected Leiden University, one of the College's partner institutions, to host the two-week summer program. The University is well known for its law school, and could offer American students a fresh academic perspective on the European Union community. From the city of Leiden in southern Holland, students could easily make business excursions to Brussels, considered Europe's business and law center, visit Luxembourg, home of the European Parliament, and even squeeze in a weekend in Paris if they liked. Leiden University offered student housing, as well as access to professors giving formal lectures on European competition law, pricing and creative accounting, and logistical assistance in arranging their business itinerary and providing city guides.

"We wanted to look at all types of businesses—businesses that were unique to the area, businesses that have significant international markets, and subsidiaries of American corporations conducting business abroad. We ran the gamut from a small chocolate factory in Brussels to IKEA, a Swedish company with international corporate training headquarters in Leiden."

Also on the itinerary were visits to Heineken, Royal Delftware, Villeroy & Boch, Coster Diamonds, an international bank in Amsterdam and a traditional Dutch cheese farm.

The Heineken presentation got rave reviews from all the participants—and not just because the brewery guides offered their American guests product samples along with a tasty selection of meats and cheeses.

From a business perspective, Heineken gave the best corporate presentation, noted Allison LaMarca, a senior business management student. But she enjoyed the historic and cultural aspects of the group's outings to the Delft porcelain factory and to "Rustdam," a cheese farm in Zoeterwoude, even more.

"This was my first trip to Europe, and that was a real thrill," she says. "There is so much history in these little towns. The Delft porcelain museum, in fact the whole building, was awesome—the walls are covered with porcelain, these really massive, elaborate murals that took years to construct. We didn't have access to the master painters who work in privacy, but the company had exhibits set up with apprentice painters demonstrating Delft techniques. Everywhere else we went in Holland, there was imitation Delft, but here it was the real thing."

The cheese farm, too, had the ring of authenticity about it. The family-operated farm has been producing cheeses by hand since 1877.

Still, nothing calls to a college senior like a cold brew.

"The Heineken factory tour was great," said Nick Faherty. "It was neat to see the entire manufacturing and bottling process, from the handling of raw materials to shipping, and to learn about their marketing strategies. We all knew that Heineken exports two brand name beers to the United States— Heineken in its trademark green bottle and Amstel. What we learned is that Heineken produces 50 other beers, or microbrews, for its European markets, and bottles them all in recycled brown glass bottles. Also, the U.S. is Heineken's only strictly-export market. There are manufacturing plants in every other country where Heineken products are sold. The marketing strategy is linked to the concept that Americans consider an imported beer to be a more premium product."

Heineken may have a firm grasp on its American market, but IKEA has adopted a less aggressive approach to marketing in the US. They have only 18 stores in the States, and add only two stores a year worldwide, Faherty says. "Every store looks identical with the same merchandise, the same floor plan, the same marketing appeal— European style at low prices."

IKEA follows what Rui Pereira, a senior business management and economics major, considers a "shocking" approach to marketing. Instead of finding a product to sell and then establishing a price, as American companies do, IKEA first determines a price point and then finds or manufactures the product to fit that price.

"Say you are selling coffee cups," Pereira elaborates. "IKEA decides that its customers will pay no more than two euro for a coffee cup. They then find a manufacturer who can supply coffee cups at a price that will retail for two euro and still provide them a comfortable profit margin."

Students gained other important insights. Most international companies, IKEA excepted, adapt their product to their regional markets—McDonald's restaurants in Germany sell beer; those in India offer vegetarian items. No business in Europe—from chocolates to diamonds—has been immune to the post-September 11 economic downturn. Because the threat of terrorism has curtailed both business and tourist travel, consumable goods such as cheese and beer are in lesser demand. Furthermore, depressed economic conditions are hampering retail spending around the world; consumers don't have the disposable income they once had to spend on giftware, tableware or jewelry. And, finally, the group came away with a heightened sense of American commercialism. By the time they concluded their day's scheduled activities, there was no time for shopping.

"Europeans are more laid-back generally, and less aggressive in business," observes Pereira, who has family in both Venezuela and Portugal. "All the stores close at six p.m., and even the supermarkets close at nine. Because of the social welfare system, Europeans have less incentive to put in long hours—everything except their food, their homes, their cars, and their trips are provided. Essentially they work in order to be able to take a long holiday in August," he says.

Allison LaMarca also was struck by the differences in how European corporations treat their employees—although occupational safety measures are more lax in Europe, she notes, the businesses there are employee-driven rather than consumer-driven. Still, she felt the foreshadowing of a new industrial revolution, particularly at Villeroy & Boch, a fine porcelain manufacturer in Luxembourg City.

Students learn how Villeroy & Bach maintains its tradition of fine craftsmanship while modernizing its production of painted porcelains.

After the Heineken plant tour, students sample microbrews not marketed in the United States.

"They walked us through their old plant and the new plant, both in full operation," LaMarca recalls. "In the old plant, everything is hand-intensive. The place was full of employees working all day with no masks or goggles. In the new plant, everything is fully automated with one or two people overseeing the operations, and it produces ten times as much as the old plant produces. That handcraftsmanship we saw in the old plant will ultimately be replaced by machinery. We saw the same thing at the Heineken brewery. These massive vats were producing so much beer, and not a single soul was on the plant floor. Everything was completely computerized."

Even if weekday shopping hours were limited, the weekends more than made up for it.

"The Dutch are so friendly, Leiden is a beautiful city, and I felt completely safe," says LaMarca. We spent that first weekend in Amsterdam because there was so much we didn't get to see when we were on business—the Van Gogh Museum, the Anne Frank House, the canal tours, the houseboat museum. It definitely made me want to travel more. I'll know better next time *how* to travel."

None of the students realized, for instance, how difficult it would be to deal with heavy luggage on public transportation, or to hike with suitcases through the streets of Brussels in heels or suits and ties. Pereira self-mockingly coined the phrase "executive backpacking."

"That, and the Dutch language barrier, was a minor discomfort," Pereira says. "I've had it easy my whole life. Lost on the streets of Brussels and faced with the prospect of missing our appointment, we managed to find our way to the train station, on time, by using our wits and a little French."

Even for those well-traveled students, the Business in Europe program was worthwhile. "We managed to accomplish quite a bit in two weeks," Pereira says. "We stayed one night in Luxembourg. We saw Brussels. A few of us went to Paris for the weekend. We learned a lot during our business trips, but we also saw so much culturally. That's what's so great about travel: the opportunity to open your mind, expand your horizons and to experience new things."

Senior writer Marcia Landskroener wants to go along next time.

Director Of Alumni Settles Into New Role

ELEANOR SHRIVER Magee '93 has made a smooth transition from the Athletic Department to the Alumni & Parent Relations Office at Washington College. In announcing Magee's appointment as director in July, Bill MacIntosh, Vice President for Development and Alumni/Parent Relations, remarked, "We are thrilled to have Eleanor and her many personal and professional talents at the Alumni House. We have re-energized our efforts to engage our students, alumni and parents, and Eleanor is the perfect fit for these activities."

Magee guided the Alumni Council through its first meeting in September and observed the Visiting Committee meeting in early October. "The Alumni Council and Visiting Committee are critical to the future success of the College," she said. "I am excited to work with such supportive advocates of the College."

Magee is also excited to launch new initiatives and with her staff have developed a new Student Education and Engagement program, which implements social and educational programs for current students. The objective is to educate students early in their college lives about the role of the Alumni House as they pursue their goals for the future. The first event, an ice cream social coupled with a College trivia question on Martha Washington Square, proved to be a big hit. "The Alumni House is developing a wonderfully cooperative relationship with SGA president Darrin Brozene," she said.

Students are also central to the phonathon campaign to raise money for the Annual Fund. "I am very pleased by the work ethic and spirit the student callers have shown while contacting alumni this fall," Magee said.

Another Magee initiative, the Washington College Alumni and Parents Guide to Upcoming Events, was mailed in October and details events scheduled through May 2004, such as the Fall Family Weekend, Birthday Ball, the George Washington 's Birthday Toast and Reunion. Additionally, the College's website and the WC Extra on-line newsletter have proven helpful in sharing information with alumni and parents about College news and events.

"Helping to strengthen the College for the future, especially during this time of Presidential transition, is very rewarding to me, and I look forward to reaching out to all alumni, parents and friends of the College," Magee said.

In addition to running alumni programs, Eleanor Shriver Magee '93 is developing a series of student activities to help strengthen their connection to the College.

I-Fund Honors Moag

THE INDEPENDENT College Fund of Maryland (I-Fund) presented alumnus and College Trustee John Moag '77 with its Leadership Award at the organization's September 2003 annual meeting. Moag, whose efforts as Chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority brought NFL football back to Baltimore, was honored as a graduate of one of Maryland's independent colleges who has been outstanding in service to the community and a leader in his field.

Moag continued to serve this organization during the remainder of the 2002-2003 fiscal year as the honorary co-chair of the 50th Anniversary Campaign for the I-Fund. This highly successful campaign, which raised more money than ever for distribu-

John Moag '77, a demonstrated leader in public attairs, banking, higher education, and the sports industry, is I-Fund's prime example of what private liberal arts education can produce.

tion to the member colleges (College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Goucher College, Hood College, The Johns Hopkins University, Loyola College, McDaniel College, Mount St. Mary's College, St. Johns College, Villa Julie College and Washington College) culminated with a celebration dinner at Johns Hopkins University in September.

Moag graduated with a degree in political science from Washington College and received his law degree from the University of Baltimore in 1981. He worked as an assistant to Steny Hoyer, then President of the Maryland Senate, and for Governor Blair Lee. After a decade of legislative experience, he joined Patton Boggs, LLP, as the youngest partner in the firm's history, and then became vice president and director of Sports Investment at Legg Mason Wood Walker. In 1995, Governor Glendening named Moag Chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority, a voluntary position with responsibility for 100 employees and $1 billion in assets. In addition to overseeing Oriole Park and the new football stadium, Moag was involved in efforts to bring the 2012 Olympics to the Baltimore/Washington area. He is now CEO of Moag & Company, an investment banking firm exclusively serving sports and sports-related industries.

In addition to his service on the Board of Washington College, Moag sits on the Board at the University of Maryland at Baltimore and is a member of the Union Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Jett Grafton '94, President of the Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter (center), congratulates Stefanie King '04 and Chris Mears '04. The two local students are this year's recipients of the Kent & Queen Anne's Bookstore Scholarship, supported by the Chapter's annual flea market.

Slate Is Set For Board Elections

IN ACCORDANCE WITH the charter of Washington College, alumni elect 12 of the College's 37 trustees. Nominations are submitted by alumni-at-large to the Alumni Council's nominating committee. The proposed slate is then shared with the Alumni Council at its September meeting and approved by the whole Council. The Alumni candidates for election in 2004 are: Richard Grieves '83, Beth Kahn Leaman '73, William Williams '76 and Albert "Jay" Young '81.

Alumni can make additional nominations by petition of 50 members of the Alumni Association through December 31, 2003. Petitions may be forwarded to the Nominating Committee in care of the Alumni Office. An official ballot will be mailed to all alumni in early 2004. Two candidates will be elected to serve a six-year term on the Board of Visitors and Governors beginning in July 2004.

The Nominating Committee via the Alumni Office is also accepting nominations for the Alumni Service Award and Alumni Citation, given at a luncheon to be held at the George Washington's Birthday Ball on Saturday, February 21, 2004, and at Commencement on Sunday, May 16, 2004, respectively. For questions regarding the criteria for these awards or to share a nomination, please call the Alumni House at 800-422-1782, ext.7812.

HALL OF FAME

Congrats!

One of the largest and most decorated classes of student-athletes was enshrined in the College's Athletic Hall of Fame on October 4. Faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, family, and friends returned to honor (front row): Kasey Carroll Basso '92 (swimming), Herb Moore '59 (lacrosse), Richard Tattersall '50 (soccer, baseball, basketball), Mark Madden '69 (lacrosse), Tim Hormes '90 (lacrosse), (back row): Sarah Coste '91 (lacrosse), Chris Rosfelder '89 (baseball), Matt Wilson '89 (basketball), Alejandro Hernandez '88 (tennis), and Jeff Kauffman '84 (lacrosse). Visit http://athletics.washcoll.edu/halloffame/year.html for full details.

Your Alumni Office is delighted to announce the revitalization of the class agent system. You will see the fruits of your class agent's efforts below. For those of you who have a class agent, please send your class note along to them. Your classmates are anxious to hear from you. If your class does not yet have an agent and you would be interested in serving, please call Carol Tait at 800-422-1782 ext. 7143. Committees are forming now for Reunion 2004. If you would like to serve, please call Carol Tait.

1938

LUTHER BERGDALL
serves as a volunteer teacher's aide in a sixth grade class at the Raymond Case Elementary School in Elk Grove, CA. The teacher is his granddaughter, Laura Slavensky.

1942

CLASS AGENT: BOB CARTER

JEAN MAY LELAND SMITH
was recently widowed when her husband of 60 years, Charles St. John Smith '45, died October 20, 2002. She has moved to Kenosha, WI, to be near her son Howard and new great-granddaughter, Anna Noel, who was born December 24, 2002.

1946

CLASS AGENT: PEGGY BENTON SMITH

ROXANNA DETWILER MERRIKEN
is a volunteer at Memorial Hospital in Easton, MD, and a docent at the Old Harford Town Maritime Museum in Denton, MD. Their current exhibit honors the boat traffic and showboats that frequented the area in the 1880s through the 1920s.

SARA WHALEY TOWERS
helped her granddaughter get ready to attend Oswego College in upstate New York this fall. She and her husband spent a wonderful two weeks in the Finger Lakes region. "We so enjoy the beautiful scenery and the quiet way of life."

1948

CLASS AGENT: DON DERHAM

1952

CLASS AGENT: JACK BACON

BEDFORD GROVES
and his wife, Hildegard, are visiting Germany this fall.

ELINORE GUSTAFSON CARLSTROM
and her husband, Dan, have moved back to Ocean City, NJ, from Texas after an eight-year stay there. They have three children and five grandchildren. They serve in their church and she teaches the gospel at a local prison. She met Sigrid Whaley for lunch recently.

Joyce Matulaitis Valliant '62 has retired from teaching Spanish in Baltimore County. She has been volunteering at Kernan Hospital in Baltimore for 10 years and was President of their Auxiliary. Joyce still plays ladies doubles tennis and is an enthusiastic traveler.

Charley Clark '34 celebrated his 90th birthday with fellow alumni Barbara Cromwell '55, Anne Funkey Barnett '59, Bill Barnett '55 and John Parker '55.

1953

CLASS AGENT: TONY TONIAN

JESSIE DWYER KEALEY
writes: "After seeing my three children mature and bless me with six grandchildren, my volunteer work in their schools and public libraries ended. However, I extended my volunteer services to include Hospice and the Red Cross. In addition, I make and donate head coverings for chemo patients in cancer clinics. I get great pleasure making and dressing small rag dolls that are given to pediatric patients in hospitals. Reading, quilting, art and needlework round out my time since my husband of 49 years passed away two years ago."

ROSE ANNE McNULTY LaMOY
was widowed three years ago after 48 years of marriage. Her daughter is a bush pilot in Alaska and is pursuing her singing career, starring in *Sound of Music* and traveling to Italy.

CONSTANTINE (TONY) TONIAN
underwent total hip replacement and the surgery and post-operation therapy have been a success. "I hope that within a few more weeks I will be back on the tennis court."

1955

CLASS AGENT: BARBARA CROMWELL

ROSE MARY HATEM BONSACK, MD
received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians in June 2003.

JOAN VANIK GRIM
and John '53 attended their second grandchild's high school graduation in Ohio. He is attending NYU. Their first grandchild, John F. Grim IV, attends Vanderbilt University. Barbara Jones Winne '55 visited Joan and John last summer from Colorado and they had great fun!

THOMAS LAW
is living in Ajejic, Mexico, on Lake Chapala where there is great weather, perpetual springtime and great neighbors. He keeps in touch with Talbot Henry.

ROY E. MACDONALD, JR.
retired from sales management at SaraLee Corp. in 1995. He and his wife, Betsy, divide their time playing golf and doing volunteer work between Bonita Springs, FL, and Burnsville, MN. Their two children, Diane and Brad, live in Vail, CO, and Los Angeles, CA, respectively.

1956
CLASS AGENTS: EMILY ORYOEN RUSSELL AND CHARLES COVINGTON

1958
CLASS AGENT: BEA CLARKE GRIFFITH

KATHLEEN BRACKETT WHITE
began a new phase in her career in September 2003 as a resource teacher at Wye River Upper School, a new high school based at Chesapeake College. WRUS serves students with diagnosed learning differences and those who achieve greater success in a structured learning environment. She looks forward to the twice-yearly get-together with the Zetas at the Narrows Restaurant. Bo Hardesty '62 always stops by to chat.

1959
SALLY ANN GROOME COOPER
has retired from teaching science in Howard County after 28 years. "WC grads Ellen Green Reilly '59, Dick Reilly '58, Sally Brown Lackey '60, Anne Matthews Childress '60 and Lynn Hawkins Woodman '60 celebrated with me at a great retirement party."

1962
CLASS AGENT: BOB LEITCH

1963
CLASS AGENT: KITTY YODER EATON

1966
CHRIS HARRISON
and his wife, Barbara '71, are proud of their son, Al, a submarine officer who returned from the Persian Gulf in April 2003. Their tour of the sub confirms their belief "that the bigger they make them the less room for humans. At least half of the crew must stay in their bunks when off watch!"

Gina Oliva '72 (pictured here, second from left, with husband Rick and friends) is in her 30th year at Gallaudet. Her latest venture is a semi-autobiographical book, the first in a series called *Deaf Lives*. She is still involved in fitness instruction for the deaf, and is preparing a DVD with gestures and visual cues for Yoga, Pilates and strength training activities. Her husband Rick is pursing an MSW and working with deaf addicts.

1968
CLASS AGENT: PETER ROSEN

CHARLENE GLASSER CLEMENT
received her master's degree in natural health.

1969
CLASS AGENT: LINDA SHEEDY

MARGARET NUTTLE MELCHER M'77
is one of eight women heading a $2 million endowment campaign for the Hotel De Paris Museum in Georgetown, CO (hoteldeparismuseum. com). "My WC master's in history is still relevant to my life, not to mention my Victorian lit. major," she writes, "as the hotel dates are 1875-1900. On other fronts, Pete and I returned from a trip to Mexico during which I was increasingly at ease with Spanish and two of my paintings were juried in regional shows last year. Bennett Lamond came to visit last summer and we had a great time. It's hard to believe that Bennett and I have been friends for more than 35 years!"

PHILIP SCOTT-SMITH
wants to let his fellow classmates know he is alive and quite well. He joined the Navy after his junior year at WC, completed his degree in Asian Studies at Florida State University and has made the Navy his career. He retired with the rank of Commander in 1995 and lives in Guam with his wife, Christine, who is director of the University of Guam's Learning Resource Center.

1970
DEAN SKELOS
was awarded the National Ethnic Coalition of Organization's Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2003. The medal is presented to outstanding American citizens from all walks of life who distinguish themselves among their specific ethnic groups. Past recipients include six Presidents of the United States, members of Congress, Nobel Prize winners, U.S. Supreme Court Justices, prominent scientists and outstanding military heroes. Senator Skelos received this award for his tireless efforts to pass legislation that would establish full state income tax deduction for college tuition expenses and for his authorship of New York State's "Megan's Law."

1972
CLASS AGENT: SANDY PELKEY GARRATT

MARCIA INVERNIZZI
has held the Thomas G. Jewell Professorship at the Curry School of Education, University of Virginia since April 2003. Marcia was honored for her outstanding contribution to the Curry School's reading program and for her work as director of the McGuffey Reading Center. Marcia established a successful community-based tutorial program called Book Buddies and an intervention program designed to promote the early diagnosis of potential reading problems.

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Patrick Chambers, an officer with the Rockledge, FL, Police Department for 12 years, now heads up the Rockledge Neighborhood Watch Program and works in community relations. He says he's seen enough mayhem to last a lifetime. He started running again in 1986 and has since logged more than 30,000 miles. Here, he wears the medals he won in the Florida State Law Enforcement Games. Patrick lives near the beach and still surfs.

EMMY LOU SPAMER SWANSON
is still teaching math at Los Amigos High School. She saw Martha Schilpp Gound '72 and Doris Swanger Gertler '72 this summer. "It was great. A brand new Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa opened this year on the Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach, CA. I'm about six miles away (and eight miles from Disneyland). Conventioneers, come visit!"

1973
CLASS AGENT: BETH KAHN LEAMAN

1974
LARRY ISRAELITE
and Wendy live in Acton, MA, in a house formerly occupied by their children. Aron is a senior at UMASS Amherst and Ben is in his sophomore year at Syracuse University. Larry is the Director of Global Learning at Pitney Bowes, and Wendy is enjoying an extended artistic sabbatical.

1975
JACKIE JOHNSON
is the Sergeant Major in charge of Information Systems Management in Afghanistan as part of a Combined Joint Task Force on the war on terrorism. "The men and women who serve here in harm's way thank all of you for your support," she writes. "I would love to hear from any of the graduates of the class of '75." Her e-mail address is jackie.t.johnson@us.army.mil

1977
CLASS AGENT: SANDRA DENNISON-JAMES

CINDY ADAMS
has raised two girls, now 19 and 22. Jessica is working on her master's degree in education at Rutgers and Megan is a sophomore at Ramapo College in northern Jersey, with hopes of transferring to the Boston area. Cindy works for Waterford Wedgwood USA, but welcomes the opportunity to move back to New England.

PATTY GROSS
is living in Morris Plains, NJ, working for Pfizer Inc. in project management for large-scale benefits projects (e.g., 401k plan, stock options). She is also attending grad school one night a week at Stevens Institute of Technology and trying to raise two teenaged boys by herself. "Any and all suggestions are welcome! Would love to hear from some old WC classmates. Write me at pgant@optonline.net."

WILLIAM JOHNSON
recently moved into a one-year fellowship to investigate tungsten and uranium effects on induction of pre-cancerous states in vitro. He was previously the assistant director of the Arizona Health Careers Opportunity Program and lecturer in the College of Health Professions and Department of Biological Sciences.

ANDREW KOSCIESZA
says he finally realized his dream. He finished graduate school in music and is now a tenure-track professor of general music in the Philadelphia suburbs. "Go for your dream!"

KEVIN MADDEN STIEHM
and her husband, Jon, moved to Colonial Williamsburg. They look forward to an "easy-going lifestyle" during their retirement.

1978
CLASS AGENT: ANN WILFORD CAUSEY

KAREN JARRELL
is living in Madrid with her husband, Avelino, and daughter Luisa, 20. She would love to hear from Liz, Verna, Sherri, Robin, Joe, Darrell, Dave or Jim. "Hi to everybody!"

Linda Sheedy '69 and Ted Lobell visited Marksburg Castle in Coblenz, Germany, this summer.

1980
FOSTER DEIBERT
has had a difficult year business-wise— the tough market conditions for banking overall have been particularly bad for German banks. "I need some time to recharge my battery for future battles, so to speak," he writes. "So I was delighted to be able to help Milorad Andjelic '99 find a summer internship at our Madrid branch (WestLB). We should really encourage students and other alumni to use the WC network and reach out to alumni. It often can pay off in unexpected ways."

CLAIRE MOWBRAY GOLDING
won first place in the Worcester County Poetry Association's 2003 poetry contest for her poem, "August Afternoon." The contest was judged by Jeffrey Harrison. She writes: "To Bob Day, who recommended that I 'get the men out' of my poetry, I can say with confidence that men in this poem are only peripherally involved." The poem will be published in the *Worcester Review* sometime this year.

ELIZABETH MONTCALM-SMITH
was promoted to Navy Commander while serving at the Naval Medical Research Center in Silver Spring, MD.

1981
DARRELL T. JESTER
was named Director of Dining Services and Summer Conferences at WC in June 2003. October 2003 will mark his 20th year of employment with the Washington College Dining Services.

KATHY WAYE M'90
was appointed Director of Alumni and Family Relations at Keuka College, a small liberal arts and science college in upstate New York. She was also named Administrator of the Year last year. This award is given to the administrator whom the student body feels has gone above and beyond in assisting them throughout the academic year. Kathy and her daughter, Allie, miss everyone at WC and hope to see them on their next visit to C-town.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Anna Harrington, born January 18, 2003, is the new daughter of Ruth Bradley Harrington '86 and her husband, Todd. She joins big sister Lily, 2. The family recently moved to Larchmont, NY.

Jackson Connor was born to Denise Farina Lane '98 and her husband, Jeff '93, February 24, 2003.

To Jean Ames DuBose '94 and Joe DuBose '89, a son, Colin Turner, born October 26, 2002.

To Scott Vogel '84 and his wife, Heather, a boy, Blake Tyler, born April 24, 2003. Blake joins brother Connor, 2.

To Judy Beckmann MacLean '87 and her husband, Jon, a daughter, Lauren Alyssa, born April 15, 2003. She joins brother, Jonathan Jr., 2½.

To Lara Buchanan '92 and her husband, Michael Goldfaden, a son, Alec David Goldfaden, born June 28, 2003. He joins sister Anna.

To Sue De Pasquale '87 and John Musachio '87, a son, Daniel Paul Musachio, born June 8, 2003. Daniel joins brothers Ben, 8, and Matthew, 5.

To Irene Nicolaidis Angelos '87 and her husband, John, a daughter, Maria, born June 24, 2003.

To Christopher Eaton '96 and his wife, Bridget, their third daughter, Sabrina Kathryn, born July 27, 2003. Sabrina joins sisters Shiori Adrianna, 7, and Emily Nicole, 4.

To Liz Carone Peters '93 and Tim Peters '95, a son, Kent Wilkin, born August 29, 2002. Kent joins brother Tripp, 2½.

To Carolyn Athey Harms '93 M'97 and Kevin Harms '96, their third daughter, Paige Christine, born August 15, 2003. Paige joins sisters, Logan, 4, and Jenna, 2.

To Jenifer Blenckstone Boyce '92 and her husband, Gillet, a daughter, Eliza Garman, born August 19, 2003. She joins sisters Gracie and Sarah.

To Sarah Ruby Cox '01 and her husband, Chris, a daughter, Chelsea Elisabeth, born June 18, 2003.

Jalen McCleary, born November 14, 2002, is the son of Sheena McCleary '02.

Thomas Rosa was born to Conci Pope Rosa '93 and her husband, Matthew, February 28, 2003.

Connor Reed Overend was born to Scott '93 and Cheryl Bull Overend '95, January 11, 2003. Parents report that he and sister Reiley, 3, are both big WAC and Steelers fans.

Marion, 2½, and Anna Ferree Riley, born February 28, 2003, find the Big Pumpkin. They are the daughters of Carrie Blackburn Riley '90 and her husband, Sam.

Photos of babies born after February '03 will be included in subsequent issues of the *WCM*.

Cyndy Dingus '89 and her husband, Dan Walsh, welcomed a daughter, Annie Kate, born December 30, 2002.

MARRIAGES

Melana Walker '94 to Scott Robert Regan, June 14, 2003. They are living in Philadelphia, PA.

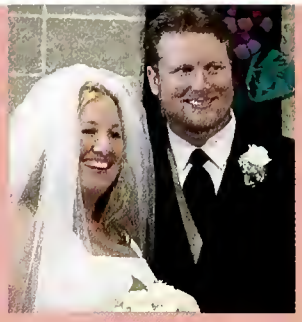
Michael Gill '97 to Kristen Landrine deStronie, May 31, 2003. Alumni attending included groomsmen Ronald Lockhart '97 and Andrew Moffat '97, Jackie Lavender Bird '97, Brian Dorst '97, Bradley Crate '99 and Miro Beran '97. They reside in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Andrew H. Prevost '92 to Alicia Kolar, January 18, 2003.

Rory Dillon Conway '94 to Jennifer Anne Perry, November 2, 2002. Rory is working at the Tower Hill School and pursuing his master's degree in education at Wilmington College.

Christian Story Thornton '96 to Karen Elizabeth Garrett, May 31, 2003.

Charles "Chad" Chadwick Campbell '96 to Jennifer Lee Joseph February 2, 2002, in Milford, DE. Chad is a Private Banking Account Officer for J.P. Morgan Private Bank. The couple lives in Wilmington, DE.



Justin Cann '93 and Lori deGraffenreid were married August 24, 2002.

More Marriages on pages 33 and 35.

Bridget Michelle McKevitt '03 and Nedim Heto '03 were married June 27, 2003.

Lanae Arnold '01 and Matt King '98 were married March 22 in Wilmington, DE. Alumni attending included Vanessa Makarewicz '02, Emily Cherry '00, Kim Densevich Lessard M'93, Krista Northup (bridesmaid) '99, Kyle Geissler '01, Ben Harris '98, Nicky Stimpson '00, Becky Rakoski '00, Leah Golshani '01, Julie LaRosa, Joe McDonald '98, Bradd Buckhart '98, Chris Douma '00, Dermot Quigley '98, Paul Kenny '97 and Hilary Rainey Kenny '98.

1982

CLASS AGENT: SCOTT HANSEN

DONNA M. GLOVER, SPHR, CEBS
obtained her master's at Johns Hopkins, is accredited as a senior professional in human resources and has a designation of Certified Employee Benefit Specialist. She is now "on to the law school journey at the University of Baltimore (but hope to transfer to University of MD). Since I have worked in human resources for more than 20 years I'll probably concentrate in employment, labor, immigration or healthcare law. Criminal law, however, would be very interesting!"

STEPHEN MARTZ
"Hi to everyone."

1985

JEFF KOHUT
is working for BMW of North America as a business development manager. The Alumni Office regrets its prior error.

1986

LISA THOMAS HEWETT
received an MBA from Georgetown University. Mary Courtney Castiglia '86 and Stephanie Paup Hoffman '84 were on hand to celebrate!

KIMBERLY WARD
is living in Wilmington, DE, with her husband, Stephen DalNogare, and daughter, Elizabeth Anne, 3 1/2. "We have an old house that we are slowly renovating. Joining us amid the chaos are four ill-behaved felines and a vegetable garden overpopulated by squash. In between making batches of ratatouille and working full time, I still get in some writing."

1987

CLASS AGENT: LAUREN EBAUGH HALTERMAN

SVETOSLAV S. GATCHEV
graduated from NYU Stern's Executive MBA program in June and was class valedictorian for the finance concentration. He is Vice President for Delphos International, Ltd.

1988

JOHN (J.P.) ALBERT
works at the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. For the past several years, he was a Government Task Leader charged with negotiating, implementing and maintaining health insurance data sharing agreements between Medicare and various large insurers, other government agencies and Fortune 500 employers. These agreements serve to identify instances where Medicare beneficiaries have other insurance that is primary to Medicare. His projects save the Medicare Trust Fund almost $500 million a year. He also runs an antiques business, which he hopes to pursue full-time when he retires.

1989

JOE DuBOSE
is a project manager for a development firm in Annapolis and Jean Ames DuBose '94 is the marketing director for a non-profit organization in Baltimore.

PAUL THESIGER
completed a fellowship in plastic surgery, and went into practice last summer. Even though he transferred to Johns Hopkins he will never forget the friendly and supportive atmosphere at Washington College.

1991

JACQUE COLLINS KILDUFF
began work at SHAPE in Belgium in April 2000, directing plays, organizing concerts and other special arts events. Her husband, Jimmy, works in the IT section and enjoys his musical and theatre hobbies as well. "We both work with people from all over Europe and have learned to appreciate both Europe and the US for their differences. We are proud to be serving our country and our soldiers abroad. The experience here has been rewarding and unexpected. Neither of us, ten years ago, would have foreseen jobs with the Department of the Defense doing what we love." Jacque has had visits from Jen Jefferson '91 and Tamara Braunstein '91, and sends her congrats to April Hill '03. "Way to go, girlfriend!"

MICHELLE DARLING MTIMET
retired from the practice of law to "spend more time with my favorite clients, Adam, 4, Alexander, 3, and Sarah, 1. I make cameo appearances from time to time for my firm, but for the most part I spend my days digging in the dirt and finding lost toys. Mo and I purchased a house in York, PA. I am enjoying life in the slow lane for a while."

DON STEELE
is running the commerce part of the Food Network Website and finds it "pretty interesting." He and his wife live in New York with their "beautiful daughter."

MEGAN METCALFE THORNTON
and Lance Mercereau '97 have been organizing occasional alumni events in England. "We are always happy to invite new people to our gatherings if and when there are WC students or staff or alumni traveling through

Susan Scheidle '74 was one of three alumni to swim in the Maryland Swim for Life on the Chester River in June 2003. C.A. Hutton '72 and Tyler Campbell '76 joined her in the fun. She took a cruise to Alaska and loved Glacier Bay.

MARRIAGES

Miriam Farkas '96 to Doug Zink July 13, 2002, in San Diego, CA. Alumni in attendance were Natalie Guiberson '94 and Robin Diamond Camp '96.

Mary Helen Jefferson '96 to Patrick Settle May 26, 2002, in Gramling, SC. Mary works in marketing with Lake Carolina Development Inc. They reside in Columbia, SC.

More Marriages on pages 35.

Royall Allen Whitaker '76 and Claudia Allen DeSantis were married June 15, 2003. They are living in Baltimore where Royall teaches English at Valley Academy. One of his colleagues is Nicole Maccari '01.

Kristie Lee Fitzwater '00 and Martin Mikus were married May 31, 2003. Kristie's bridesmaids included Kelly Anello '00, Robin Ridgway '98 and Ellyn Baines '00. Dr. Ralph Thornton '40 also attended the wedding. Kristie is an international trade specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce. Martin is an elementary special education teacher. They live in northern Virginia.

the area or moving to the UK."

1992

CLASS AGENT: TROY PETENBRINK

BRUCE HAMILTON
moved to New Orleans in July 2002 to work for the *Times-Picayune* as a copy editor. He recently ran his first 10K (the Crescent City Classic) in 43 minutes, 5 seconds, which was good enough to get a trophy from the newspaper (for fastest employee). He has joined another rock band (the third since the Sacred Cows).

ROSE JARBOE
has lived in PA, OK and now NC. She has traveled to Africa twice for humanitarian relief and leadership development programs. Her professional experiences have included medical social work, corporate training and post-secondary finance specialist.

JENNIFER PFEIFER-FRIESNER
is a stay-at-home mom to Emily, 4, and Matthew, 1, in Lutherville, MD. "Putting my career as a chief technologist at a medical imaging center on hold was the best move for our family and I am enjoying being with my children. I have been trying to contact Thea Bournazian '89 without any luck. Anyone with info, please e-mail me at emmysfamily @aol.com."

Sarah (Sally) Wagaman '82 was elected International President of Alpha Omega Pi this year. Her sisters are very proud of her accomplishment!

DAVID SNYDER
has been living in Kenya since 1999 but has accepted a position with Catholic Relief Services in South Africa. Among his new responsibilities will be the compilation of a coffee table book of his photographs and stories, gathered over the last four years of traveling to humanitarian crises around the world through his work with the Emergency Response Team. He would love to hear from his WC friends and can be reached at Snyderdf@yahoo.com

1993

CLASS AGENT: LIZZIE O'HARA

TIM CALVER
is living in San Diego, CA, with his wife, Kerri, and daughter, Kaylee. He received a master's degree in e-commerce in 2002 from National University. Tim teaches American and British literature online at Mt. Carmel High School. "Would love to hear from old friends: please e-mail: timnkerri@san.rr.com"

JUSTIN CANN
took a new job in July 2003 as the webmaster at Annapolis Performance Sailing after five years with Crusader Yachts.

ELEANOR SHRIVER MAGEE
is loving her new job in the Alumni House at the College. "Please call me anytime if I can assist you! 410-778-7812. I am working toward my doctorate in education. I became a candidate for the degree in September. I hope to finish my dissertation by May 2005."

MIRIAM JECELIN MULLIN
is working as a family practice physician in Wilmington, DE. Her husband, PJ, is working in underwriting with State Farm Insurance in Concordville, PA.

LISA PRUETT
has been a pediatric nurse practitioner for five years in Portland, OR. In her spare time she windsurfs, bikes, skis and hikes. She has been married for three years to Greg Lawler '95. She attended the wedding of Ashley Holladay '93 in Boulder, CO, in September.

MELISSA HARMEYER TAYLOR
was sorry to miss reunion but she was in the process of opening her new store, Simply Noted. The store specializes in custom invitations, stationery, greeting cards, journals and picture albums, and is located in the Belvedere Square in Baltimore. "Please stop by and receive a WC student or alumni discount!"

1994

CHANDEV ABHAYARATNE
moved to London, Ontario, Canada, in June 2003, along with his wife, Prithiva, and son Chetan. "Please do send me an e-mail if a 'known body' resides in the neighborhood. In Canadian terms, neighborhood could even be Toronto or Detroit, MI, both about 400 km away!! Cheers."

ALEXANDRA BAEZ
is the Greenhouse Co-Manager for Rolling Greens, a commercial plantscape company (U.S.'s eleventh largest.) She has managed to become fairly fluent in Spanish (an effort undertaken in part to win and communicate with her boyfriend and coworker of five years—Luis, from Chile). Her spare time is usually spent in an effort to decorate, organize and improve her first apartment. Persistent health problems have delayed her pursuit of a two-year landscape design degree. Instead, she has been delving deeply into alternative medicine in a determined quest to understand and resolve her problems, as well as those of others.

KEITH E. DANIELS
joined the Navy in 1997 as an electronics technician and was selected as 2001 Air Traffic Control Electronics Technician of the Year for Atlantic Surface Fleet. He is currently serving as an instructor at Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Dam Neck, VA.

MICHAEL E. FREY, MD
is finishing his fellowship in interventional spine arc. This consists of diagnosing and treating patients with pain emanating from the spine. His other focus is sports-related injuries. He is the head boxing physician in Pennsylvania for the junior Olympics and amateur boxing association.

Daniel Gerstenfield '86, M'89 was sent by the Army to Kuwait in February to provide mental health support to the deployed troops. He reports that most days it is 120 degrees. He hopes to rejoin his wife, Melissa Harter '87, and two children - Devon, 6 and Sarah, 2, in North Pole, AK. Dan's regular duty station is Fort Wainwright. Contact them at meldandevsar@gci.net daninkuwait

KIRSTEN LUCAS
graduated in May from The New School with a master of arts in media studies. She has been working at ABC News with Morning News for the past four and a half years. "What a fascinating time to be living in New York City!"

CIARÁN O'KEEFFE
writes: "Apart from educating my university undergraduate students in Liverpool about the delights of parapsychology and investigative psychology, I've recently been sending 'shivers down the spines' of concert goers at the Royal Festival Hall with a multi-disciplinary project on the emotional effects of infrasound (low-frequency sound). The project included physicists from National Physical Laboratory, an acoustic engineer and composer, pianists and video artists. Several alumni attended in London and a few Guinnesses were consumed afterwards while discussing the experiences!"

MARGARET BOWMAN SIROLLI
graduated from veterinary school in May and began a position with the Food and Drug Administration in July. She is looking forward to catching up with friends from college and to spending time with her husband of one year, Ryan.

1995

MARIANNE CULBERTSON
is happy to say that she was accepted into the master of arts in writing program at Johns Hopkins University. Her first class, Voice in Modern Fiction, was an incredible experience – the production and distribution of The Ridgely Middle School literary magazine, *The Inkling*. "Life is getting better by the minute. I hope everyone else is doing well."

BRENDA STANLEY
is the telecommunications manager at Salisbury University and is enrolled in the MBA program there. In her spare time, she runs her own business, Brendalicious Catering. Her daughter, Raven, 8, keeps her busy. She'd love to hear from any alumni from 1990-1995.

MARRIAGES

Joan Michelle Nunn '91 to Mark Mahan June 29, 2002. Attendees included John Nunn '80, Richard Nunn '83, Sarah Hamlin '91, and Jesse and Maggie Nunn, daughters of John '80 and Nancy Nunn '79 M'91. The couple resides in Annapolis.

John Fuller '00 and Amy Butz were married July 29, 2003. Pictured are J.D. Radebaugh '99, Matt Swift '99, Chris McClone '98, Addison VonLutz '99, Shawn Walter '99, Brian Rench '00, Jeremy Stohr '00 and Charlie Maloney. Chi Chi Giraldo '00 (front) congratulates the groom.

Several alumni gathered for the marriage of Joe '98 and Jen McDonald, May 2, 2003. In attendance were Gene Vassel '96, Tim Pilarski '97, Alex Phillips '98, Kristi Masimore '01, Mike Hinkle '98, Katie Dell '98, James Carpenter '98, Matt King '98, Lanae Arnold King '01, Krista Northrup '99 and Chris Douma '00.

1996

MELANIE STOER
is living in Chapel Hill, NC, working as a business analyst in RTP. "Outside of work, I have spent the last two years learning the art of glass fusing and lamp work glass beadmaking. I'm now selling my art and jewelry in a few local shops and at craft fairs —marketing myself well under the name 'Spoiled Brat Glass Design.' Hi to all my WC friends. Come & visit!"

1997

AMY PETERSON
graduated from Tufts Vet School in May 2001, was sent to the

Dave Quinn '87 (center) and his partner, Don, played in the Sectional tennis playoffs in Princeton, NJ, after winning the Regionals against a team from the Dupont Club. They won all four of their matches at #1.

UK as part of a joint US/UK task force fighting foot and mouth disease, then settled into a mixed animal practice in Glastonbury, CT, for two years. She has returned to Maryland to pursue graduate work in comparative medicine and infectious disease research at Johns Hopkins.

BRIAN L. SLAGLE
is the Assistant Vice President, Commercial Lending, at Key Bank and Trust in Owings Mills, MD.

1998

BILL BRADY
spent the summer working for Vermont Legal Aid's Poverty Law Project in Montpelier, VT. "When not buried in case files, I have been able to explore the treasures of upper New England and mercilessly beg law firms for a post-grad job. Graduation is expected this spring from the University of Toledo College of Law."

JAMES CZARNIAK
is director of development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse. He is also teaching fundraising at the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and enjoyed the University's NCAA Basketball Championship.

Attending the 12th annual Phi Sigma gathering aboard the vessel *Moonlight* in Annapolis are (left to right): Dutch Siersema '93, Rob Cassady '89, John Bowmer '93, Billy Wilmer '89, Rob Simms '89, Ben Hinkle '89, Sheaffer Reese '87, Toby Lloyd '95, John Buckey '92, Mike Winkelman '91 and Chris Foley '89.

1999

MILORAD ANDJELIC
spent the summer as a finance intern for WestLB in Madrid, an opportunity presented by Foster Deibert '80. He is presently studying at Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, "a fantastic school, and I'm enjoying it quite a bit. Tomas Lejarraga was my roommate the first year! Yup, the Washington College connection is still working, and we arrived in Spain last year from two different parts of the world. I do miss WC quite a bit, as you know my time there was very special. Because of that I am happy to say that I am still in touch with a lot of friends from the good old years. I hope that some day soon I will be able to visit that beautiful little town."

PAUL M. DAVIS,
after a long hiatus, returned to the stage in the Rude Mechanicals production of William Shakespeare's *As You Like It* at Laurel High School as Orlando and performed as Constable Nicolas Worthington at the Maryland Renaissance Festival through October. He has a new job as administrative assistant at Meadowridge Memorial Park where he eats lunch with alumnus Jonathan Taylor. He celebrated his fifth wedding anniversary to Shanna Gersey '00 on August 15, 2003. His son Jared Bennet Davis, now 4, is in kindergarten at Rockburn Elementary School. He lives around the corner from classmates Travis Allen '99 and Patrick Walters '99 who is married to Paul's sister Christine '00. Paul would love to chat with his fellow classmates and may be reached at Actordavis@aol.com or Thnkdguy99@aol.com.

LYDIA FARNHAM
and Steve Fuchs '96 are moving to Jacksonville, FL, where they hope to pursue graduate degrees in social work and business, respectively.

ANNA GRUBER KIEFER
has completed her first year of graduate school at the University of New Hampshire, where she is pursuing a master's degree in early American history. She resides in Bath, ME, with two cats, a dog, and husband Greg.

AMANDA J. NORBURY
was recently promoted to Assistant Program Manager at Embryon, a medical education company in Somerville, NJ. She also started a new season with the North Jersey Field Hockey Association.

DEBBIE SMITH
and Addison Von Lunz '98 have settled into their new home in Parkville, MD, with their black lab puppy, Brodie. Debbie is working with HMS Insurance Associates, Inc. in Brooklandville and Addison is working downtown with Spherion.

2000

MATTHEW CHAMBERS
and his wife, Amber, live in Bowie, MD. Matt is working as an economic research analyst while pursuing dual degrees, a master's of science in management information systems and a master's of business administration at the University of Maryland-University College.

CHARLES T. DEAN III
was recently named Planning Commissioner for Caroline County, MD. He will serve a four-year term.

KATE MAHONEY,
struggling actor, spent some time in the Big Apple with Jeff Colen '01 and Liz Ellinghaus '98. The three went to a show in the Fringe Festival. The show was picked up and whisked off to L.A. Mahoney is still waiting for such luck.

KRISTIE FITZWATER MIKUS
attended the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware where she received her master's of public administration (with a concentration in finance) in 2002. She writes: "The MPA program was incredible and most of my

work revolved around a USAID project to democratically and fiscally decentralize Ghana. Consequently, I went to West Africa for three months to work on the project. After UD, I entered the Presidential Management Internship program, a selective program that hires recent graduates into the federal government and permits them to rotate throughout the federal government for two years. My 'home' agency is the U.S. Department of Commerce, where I help to devise trade policy based on the interests of U.S. industry in the International Trade Administration. My present rotation focuses on the pharmaceutical industry. The position is a perfect match for my business background and Aftica."

Josh Schulman '00 graduated from Boston University with a Master of Fine Arts in Theater (Lighting Design). After a summer job at Olney Theater, he moved to New York City.

2001

CLASS AGENT: JILLIAN "KEEZA" MATUNDAN

KERRY LOMAX CAVANAGH
graduated in May with an MBA from Bloomsburg University. "I had a very busy last semester, giving birth to a beautiful baby girl, Riley, in March. I am living in Hughesville, PA just outside of Williamsport."

ROLAND FORNOFF
has temporarily traded in traveling and living in his van for a job as Director of Sustainable Development for a small environmental firm at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. "Growing old, but not growing up."

KEEZA MATUNDAN
was recently seen as Snug the Joiner in the Illustrious Theatre Company's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. In attendance at one of the performances were Tamanya Garza '02 and Ross Radish '02. She joined the Company again in November playing Mortimer in their production of *The Fantasticks*. She was recently quoted on the front page of the Metro section of *The New York Times* in her capacity as Election Reform Associate and Issues Advocate for the Citizens Union of the City of New York.

LAUREN McLOUGHLIN
moved to Syracuse to begin studying for a master's in advertising at the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

JESSICA WAICKER
is entering her third year of law school at the University of Baltimore and has been working as a law clerk for the Corporate Litigation Claims office for State Farm Insurance in Towson, MD.

2002

CLASS AGENT: JORDAN YELINEK

LAUREN ANDREWS
is a teacher's assistant at the Benedictine School in Ridgely, MD. She keeps in touch with Simone Girodet '02, Melissa Farmer '02 and Kyra Kolbe '02.

SARAH BLACKMAN
is attending the University of Alabama for her MFA in fiction. Her poem, "Syria, 1997" was published in the recently released *Poets Against the War Anthology*, which includes poems by Robert Pinsky, Rita Dove, W.S. Merwin and Galway Kinnell. "All in all, I'm a little giddy."

LINDSAY BROWN
is a youth treatment counselor in Littleton, CO.

FRED CHALMERS
is a recruiter for TEKsystems in Linthicum, MD, the nation's leading provider of IT staffing.

Friends gathered for a crab feast at Waterman's in Rock Hall, MD, this summer. Pictured clockwise from top left: Kim Nemecek '01, Matt Plum '98, Chris Evans '96, Stephanie Woodward '97, Kristin Nemecek '98, and Heather Noble '97.

JACK L. McCAULEY III
started a new job as a field service representative with DAP Inc. located in Vernon, CT. He is responsible for calling on and servicing 35 Home Depots that sell DAP products in the South Boston/CT area.

SHEENA McCLEARY
is working at a group home for girls. She was accepted into the Johns Hopkins Graduate School for Education beginning in June 2004.

KERRY O'KEEFE
is in graduate school at Golden Gate University, pursuing an MBA in marketing. She plays on a co-ed soccer team and works at Burns & Wilcox as a broker's assistant.

TERIS PANTAZES
took an associate position with The Michael Companies in

Several alumni got together over the Fourth of July weekend to see Pearl Jam at the Tweeter Center in Camden, NJ. Pictured are: Dave Briggs '00, Mike Hinkle '98, Tom King '00, Alex Phillips '98, Sean Tyszko '98, Sara Neutzel Tyszko '98, Kristi Masimore '01, Brandon Mallon '01, Katie Dell '98, Leeann Lezzer '97 and Melissa Ellwanger '97.

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Jackson '29 died June 1, 2003 in Towson, MD. After graduation, Jackson ran a women's clothing store but succeeded her husband upon his death as Representative of Cecil County in the Maryland Senate. She later served as the Eastern Shore chairwoman of the United Democratic Women's Clubs and as president of the Democratic Women's Clubs of Cecil County, and worked as co-chairwoman of "Curley" Byrd's campaign for governor in 1954. In 1960 she married Carle Jackson, a member of the Maryland Racing Commission.

Ivon Earle Culver '35 died May 3, 2003 in Clearwater, FL. Culver grew up in Chestertown, MD, and graduated from Washington College with honors. He was a lifelong educator, teaching in Selbyville, DE, and Media, PA, and working as District Science Coordinator for the Upper Darby school system. After retiring, he served as a volunteer at the Ruth Eckard Hall of Performing Arts and was on their Board of Directors. Culver was a member of the Alonzo Decker, Jr. Society. His sister is Helen Marie Culver Reed '43.

Alfred W. Gardiner '35 died August 22, 2003. He was a building contractor, a member of the Northern Virginia Builders Association, president of Toastmasters, president of the Arlington Lions Club, chairman of the Arlington March of Dimes, member of the Board of Management of the Arlington YMCA, director of the Arlington Chapter of the American Red Cross and Past President of the Men's Golf Association in Ocean Pines, MD. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church where a stained glass window was donated in his grandparents' memory.

Norman W. Shorb '38 died October 9, 2002 in Bethesda, MD. He was a member of the football team and captain of the tennis team, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Alpha Order. During World War II, Shorb served as a Naval officer in the Pacific. After the war, he started American Plant Food Co., a small wholesale/retail garden supply store. He was also president of the Silver Spring Lions Club and an avid golfer.

Albert J. Bland '39 died August 20, 2003. At Washington College he was an outstanding tackle on the football team. In 1937 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served in the Philippines during the early days of World War II. When the Japanese overtook the Philippines, Bland became one of about 75,000 American and Filipino soldiers to participate in what became known as the Bataan Death March. He survived the prison camp until his liberation on August 20, 1945. Bland continued his career in the Air Force until his retirement in 1957 with the rank of Master Sergeant. He later worked for Martin-Marietta and Conrail until his retirement in 1981. Bland was a past national commander of American Ex-Prisoners of War, a member of American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor and helped to create the Prisoner of War Medal that was established by Congress in 1985. He was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal in 1988 by President Reagan. He died on the 58th anniversary of the day he was liberated.

Marjorie Undy Baker-McDonough '42 passed away March 24, 2003, two weeks shy of her 82nd birthday. Her life's work was her family—husband Edward C. Baker, and four children. She cherished the two years she attended Washington College, and recently returned to Chestertown with son Daniel and his family to visit her old college. "She had a ball as did we," Daniel recalled. "We'll miss her greatly."

James M. Aycock '43 died June 1, 2003.

Thursia Irish Child '49 died April 18, 2002.

Dr. James Roland Miller '51 died June 8, 2003 at his home. He was the Chairman of Agronomy at the University of Maryland until his retirement in 1985. His long career in agronomy earned him membership in the Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi Honor Societies as well as numerous awards for his outstanding educational work in the areas of soil testing and soil fertility. Miller also served on the Maryland Gasohol Study Commission and the Sewage Sludge Management Commission. In1985 he was named Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland.

Frederick E. LaWall '52 died August 8, 2003. In college, he ran track and cross-country, and was a member of the Drama Club and the Kappa Alpha fraternity. After graduation he served in the U.S. Army from 1952-54. Returning to suburban Philadelphia, he became an account executive and partner of Typographic Service Inc., the country's largest advertising typography company. An avid stamp collector, LaWall was a member of the China Stamp Society and the Havertown Stamp Club. He was a member of the St. George Episcopal Church in Ardmore, PA, where he was a lay reader. His wife, Shirley Hand LaWall '53, and two brothers, Raoul '57 and Roderic '57, survive him.

Alfred E. Mudd '52 died October 2, 2001 in LaPlata, MD. After graduation, he attended Catholic University of America Law School. He practiced in LaPlata and served as a trial magistrate for Charles County. He was a member of American Legion Post 82 and the American Bar Association.

Charles Russell Gale '53 died September 12, 2003. Father Gale, an Episcopal priest, joined the Navy during World War II and was secretary to the Admiral of the Naval Air Station at Pensacola and took shorthand and dictation for President Franklin Roosevelt and then-General Dwight Eisenhower. After the war, he attended Washington College and then attended seminary at McGill University in Montreal. He retired from his ministry in 1988.

Suzanne Widmer Van Horn '64 died February 25, 2003.

Lanham, MD. The company is one of the largest privately-owned commercial and industrial real estate sales and developing groups in the DC metropolitan area. He is working in the sales department of land and industrial properties.

ROSS RADISH
is in his second year of graduate school at the Ohio State University. He anticipates graduating in June 2004 with a M.A. in higher education and student affairs from the Department of Educational Policy and Leadership.

AVANTHA TENNEKOON
has taken a job with HSBC Bank as Exports Manager in the Trade Services Department. She writes: "The job is a lot of fun and I am directly involved in international trade and international payment terms. I have a staff of 20 people directly under me and it is a tight team. Some people have been in the bank for 15 years. I had to use all the experience gained from my college interactions to settle in and my double major from WC helped me get a bit of an edge over the competition. Thank you for the wonderful time spent at WC, most of all for all the guidance."

2003

CLASS AGENT: COURTNEY BUSCH

ANNETTE BANGERT
is in the master's program for art history at the University of Virginia.

REBEKAH BECKETT
is taking some prerequisites for nursing this year at the University of Alaska in Anchorage and is working as a Resident Assistant on campus. In her spare time she plays club volleyball, volunteers with Campus Crusades and referees NFHS volleyball.

COURTNEY BUSCH
is enrolled in the molecular and cell biology (MOCB) Ph.D. program at the University of Maryland in College Park and is living with Allison Weisbrod '02.

Bridget Cavaiola '03 and Jill Brewer '03 recently drove cross country from Maryland to Tillamook, Oregon, where Jill started a new job with the Economic Planning Council. Here they pay homage to George Washington at Mount Rushmore.

JENNIFER CAREY
is an admissions counselor at Washington College.

JENNIFER HEWSON
writes: "I just wanted to tell my classmates and those professors who helped me along the way that I will be attending the Tulane University School of Medicine this fall. I found out I was accepted two days after graduation!"

JESSICA McADAMS
is teaching a ninth grade civics leadership class at Glenelg Country School in Howard County, MD. She is in charge of school social events, is the head varsity field hockey coach and the jv lacrosse coach.

KELLY McCLURE
moved to California to start a Master of Arts in Social Sciences in a leadership studies program at Azusa Pacific University. She plans to work fulltime, take her classes, stay involved in Young Life, and continue to play soccer if she has the time for all of that!

MEGAN NICHOLS
began her first year as a law student at the University of Maryland School of Law.

ARIEL PASKIN
moved to Suches, GA, where she works for Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. She works in the wilderness with adolescent boys, most of whom have been court-ordered there. She writes: "For the majority of them, this is their last chance to get their acts together. I live in the woods with them (in a tent!) approximately five days a week. The camp is based on the belief in experiential education, so once every six weeks the boys either build a tent or go on a 10-day canoeing or backpacking trip. The boys stay for approximately 6-9 months."

GRETCHEN PARR STEWART
is living in San Diego and working on her M.Ed. in special education from the University of San Diego.

CHARLES SWOPE
is an environmental contractor with Alliance Environmental Systems, Inc., and is working toward his private pilot's license.

SUSANNE TUMOLO
is teaching third grade at Trinity School in Ellicott City, MD. She reports that Jayme Cuppa returned from Germany and is teaching this fall.

Four teachers at Bel Air (MO) High School donned their college gear for Spirit Days, when students and staff show off their school colors. Pictured from left to right are: Dawn R. Simms Hetzer '96, Library Media Specialist, Maggie Kilroy '00, American Government, Beth Karukas '91, Spanish, and Kristen Snell '98, Environmental Science.

Lessons In Democracy

By Townsend Hoopes

In July the C. V. Starr Center for the American Experience hosted an ambitious summer school on American values that brought 21 young Muslim students to Washington College (see story on p.18). This was the first of three such programs sponsored by the State Department this year, in a belated effort after 9/11 to reinstate cultural exchanges meant to improve the world's understanding of America. On the interpersonal, or micro, level, this experiment was a clear triumph for Washington College and a boon for a group of bright young Muslims who are likely to be among the future leaders of their own countries. On the international, or macro, level, the impact will not be known for some time. We should be hopeful, but experience warns us to be cautious.

Whatever its contradictions and failings, America represents the triumph of modernity, meaning not only technological achievement, but also freedom of speech, political dissent, democratic elections and women's rights. Most of Islam is still gathered in traditional societies where control is exercised by religious authorities who resist or are ambivalent about modernity. Developing these vital elements of human progress has brought prosperity and world dominance to America and the West; it also has created a dynamic of accelerating change which is leaving much of Islam behind, mired in stagnation, excess population and mass poverty. This vast gap in living standards inevitably creates resentment, which is exploitable by fanatics and demagogues. Ironically, however, bin Laden and other core terrorists are not interested in economic uplift for their followers. Rather they are seeking to foment hatred of America among the masses on the grounds that our political, military and cultural intrusiveness is an invasion that corrupts the deepest values of Islam.

A vital point here is that the realities of modernity (technical, social, political) are inexorable. They cannot be wished away, which means that traditional societies are faced with a crucial choice: to adjust, to adapt or to risk steady decline and perhaps ultimate disappearance. Given this daunting paradigm, the genuine enthusiasm for America shown by our 21 Muslim guests was a heartening sign. They seemed impressed with the depth of our national commitment to human freedom and individual opportunity, and the stability of our institutions, both governmental and private. Several declared that exposure to America had reinforced their determination to work for social change in their own countries. Two Pakistani women, both law students, said they planned to devote their lives to fighting for broader women's rights at home. One young man said it was his ambition to become his country's prime minister.

As a group they were progressive moderates, categorically opposed to terrorism. At the same time, they were openly critical of current U.S. foreign policy, especially in the Middle East, believing it plays into the hands of Islamic extremists. The Bush doctrine seems to them overmilitarized, insensitive to historic realities and to genuine grievances in the region.

On reflection, one might conclude that the least tangible aspects of the program were the most fruitful: namely, the personal lessons learned about intercultural differences, and similarities. A few of the differences created tension until they were eased by the remarkably open, honest discussion that characterizes student dialogue today. The easy equality between men and women in American life confronted the patriarchal tradition in countries where men direct women but also protect them. For example, the prospect of an evening at Andy's made a strong young Indian man uneasy. Why? Because the local patrons would be consuming alcohol and this might result in behavior unacceptable to the Muslim women for whose dignity and safety he felt responsible. His upbringing had taught him to doubt the possibility of a genuinely equal friendship between a man and a woman. Later, he and several others came to acknowledge that gender relations in this country are more mature than they had supposed. For their part, the Americans came to a quiet respect for these "old-fashioned" values, especially for the depth of conviction in which they are held.

The female students displayed varying degrees of ambivalence on this subject. Several seemed to want only an intellectual experience. Most however were eager to embrace all aspects of their first American experience; some admitted their mothers had told them to enjoy it to the full, for after this brief fling their lives must return to traditional restrictions.

The gravest crisis in the world today turns on the question of how to prevent a destructive confrontation between the West and the whole of Islam. If there is an answer, it lies in persuading the great majority of Muslims (totaling some 2 billion people) to choose modernity and moderation, and to reject the blind alley offered by its nihilist minority. In this context, a $200,000 State Department program aimed at explaining the basic tenets and promises of American democracy to future leaders of South Asia looks more cost effective than a $400 billion defense budget.

Townsend Hoopes, Senior Fellow at Washington College, served as an assistant to three Defense Secretaries and was Under Secretary of the Air Force. He has written several prize-winning books on American foreign policy.

December 13
Alumni Council meeting

Kent and Queen Anne's Chapter Holiday Party, Hynson-Ringgold House. 5:30-7 p.m. For information call the Alumni Office at (410) 778-7846.

January 31
Senior Day/Alumni Day. Swim meet vs. Dickinson at 1 p.m. Sho'men reception follows at 4 p.m.

February 5
The Sophie Kerr Lecture series presents a reading and book signing by Jan Pottker, Ph.D., author of *Janet and Jackie: The Story of a Mother and her Daughter, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*. Hynson Lounge, 4:30 p.m.

February 8
The Concert Series presents The Hot Club of San Francisco. Tickets are $15 for adults, $5 for youth 18 and under, and are available at the door. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. For more information call (410) 778-7839.

For a monthly calendar of events, contact the special events coordinator at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7849.

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February 21
Alumni Council meeting
Parents Council meeting

George Washington's Birthday Ball, Lifetime Fitness Center, 8 p.m.–1 a.m. For tickets call the SGA Office, 800-422-1782, ext. 8742.

Women's Basketball Alumni Day. Game vs. Franklin & Marshall, Cain Gym, 2 p.m.

March 4
The Concert Series presents the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are $15 for adults, $5 for youth 18 and under, and are available at the door. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. For more information call (410) 778-7839.

March 19
The Sophie Kerr Lecture Series presents a reading by Billy Collins, Poet Laureate of the United States. Norman James Theatre, 4:30 p.m.

April 16-17
Meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors

April 10
A Day of Washington College lacrosse, featuring the annual Alumni Game pitting the "odd" versus "even" years, followed by the men's varsity game against Gettysburg College at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Curtis Gilbert in the Lacrosse Office at (410)-778-7230.

George Washington's Birthday Toasts

February 19
Talbot Alumni Chapter, Washington Street Pub, 20 N. Washington Street, Easton, 6 p.m. Contact Lauren Ebaugh Halterman '87 (lhalterman@chesapeake.edu).

Wilmington/SE Pennsylvania Alumni Chapters, Washington Street Ale House, 1208 N. Washington Street, Wilmington, 7 p.m. Contact Erin Wade Wilson '98 (Ewilson@Juniper.com) or Anne Wilford Causey '78 (rtcawz@aol.com).

February 22
Annapolis Alumni Chapter, Reynold's Tea Room, Sly Fox Pub, 7 Church Circle, 2-5 p.m. Contact Tim '96 or Mary Price Wick '95 Reath (timaroo490@cs.com or mpreath@cs.com).

Baltimore Alumni Chapter, The Kent, 506 York Road, Towson, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact: Kathy Wurzbacher Corrigan '83 (pmsinc@juno.com).

Boston Alumni Chapter. Claremont Café, 535 Columbus Avenue, 1 pm, Contact: Amy d'Ablemont Burnes '85 (617-859-8752).

Kent & Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter, O'Connor's Pub, 844 High Street, 5-7 p.m. Contact Jeff Grafton '94 (jeffrey.grafton@mbna.com).

Mardel Alumni Chapter, TBA

Naples Alumni Chapter, Vineyards Country Club, compliments of Margaret and Bill Janney, 12 noon. Contact: Margaret Goldstein Janney '76 (puttntime@ aol.com) or Ellen Reilly '59 (e–r–reilly@worldnet.att.net).

New York Alumni Chapter, The Cowgirl Bar, 519 Hudson Street (corner of West 10th), 5-7 p.m. Contact: C.A. Hutton '72 (cahutton@shfinc.org).

Richmond Alumni Chapter, Bottom's Up Pizza, 1700 Duck Street, Richmond, VA. 4-7 p.m. Contact: Courtney Grady James '93 (804-784-0851).

Washington D.C. Area Alumni Chapter, Hotel Washington (Lobby Bar), 15th and Pennsylvania, N.W., 5-7 p.m. Contact Brett Reardon '95 (brettandtim@comcast.net.)

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Washington College: in person

When did the solar system form? How did life on Earth begin? Is there evidence of life on other planets?

Karl Kehm, the assistant professor of physics directing the College's program in earth and planetary science, encourages students to ponder these and other universal questions while learning to decipher the secrets within sediment and rock. A former Research Fellow at the Carnegie Institution of Washington's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Kehm conducts isotopic studies of meteorites, terrestrial sediments and interplanetary dust particles.

Kehm and physics major Ledger West worked together at the Carnegie Institution this summer. Their goal was to find evidence of the decay of radioactive iron-60 in the meteorite Brenham. Studies of iron-60 will help scientists determine Brenham's age, and may reveal whether heat generated by the decay of this isotope played a role in melting the early interiors of asteroids and planets. Their ongoing research is part of a larger effort to understand how radioisotopes were introduced into the early solar system.

Kehm's position is funded by the Adrian P. Reed endowment honoring the memory of the noted land conservationist.

PROFESSOR KARL KEHM
Seeking Answers To Universal Questions

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